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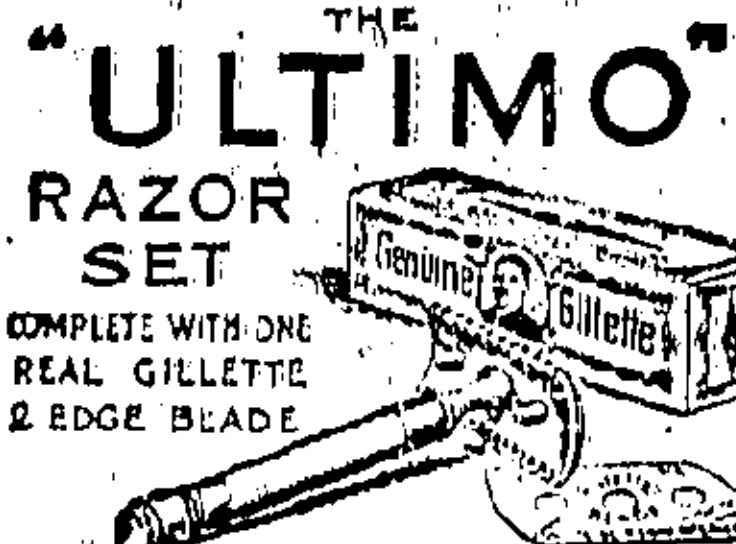
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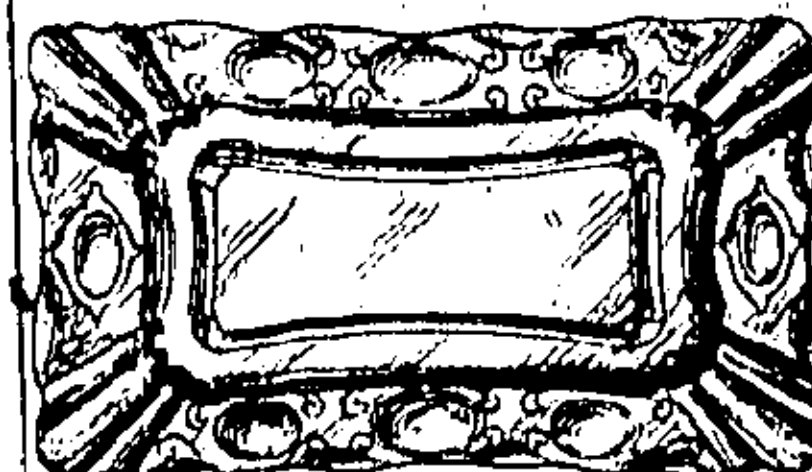
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HANKOW INQUIRY.

MR. O'MALLEY HEARS BRITISH VIEWS.

Danger to Shanghai.

CHINESE MODERATE OPINION AGAINST TROUBLE.

Besides discussing the Hankow position with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr. O'Malley, Acting Counselor of the British Legation at Peking, has made it a point to hear also the views of the British community at Hankow. Latest cables and wireless messages will be found below. The earlier news is on page seven.

MR. O'MALLEY'S INQUIRY.

British Community's Views
Heard.

Rugby, Jan. 13.
Reports from Hankow state that Mr. O'Malley, Acting-Counselor for the British Legation at Peking, who is examining the situation at Hankow, yesterday had a long conversation with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister.

Since his arrival Mr. O'Malley, who is accompanied by Mr. Teighmann, Oriental Secretary from the British Legation, has also heard the views of the British community, expressed individually and through the representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Troubles in Interior.
Reports from other centres state that missionaries and other members of isolated foreign communities in Szechuen and other inland provinces continue to arrive at Yangtse ports, having experienced difficulties in transport through labour trouble and low water in the Yangtse.

Minor strike disorders are reported from Shanghai, but the police apparently have restored order without much trouble.—British Wireless Service.

NATIONALIST PROPAGANDA.

Press Telegrams Being Altered.

Hankow, Jan. 13.
The situation remains quiet. Press telegrams are being altered by the local authorities prior to transmission to convey a totally wrong impression.—Naval Wireless.

CHANGSHA TROUBLE.

Women and Children Leave.

Changsha, Jan. 13.
The foreign women and children mentioned yesterday left for Hankow this morning.—Naval Wireless.

SHANGHAI DANGER.

Powers on the Alert.

London, Jan. 13.
Reuter learns that the Powers interested fully realise that the position at Shanghai is entirely different from that at Hankow and it may be taken for granted that such steps as are possible are being taken in view of the labour troubles there.

Even many Chinese are getting active in the direction of avoiding labour trouble, for there is a large section of moderate Chinese opinion in Shanghai which is dead against anything in the nature of labour trouble.—Reuter.

PRECURSORS OF TROUBLE.

Anti-Foreign Agitation.

Evidence that the propaganda of Hankow anti-foreign agitation has reached Shanghai took form in several speeches made by agitators at a meeting of ex-workers of Japanese cotton mills early Thursday morning, says the 'Shanghai Times' of Jan. 8.

An unemployed worker who presided at the meeting which lasted from 6.30 to 8 o'clock declared several Chinese, open-air lecturers at Hankow had been killed and fatally injured by British soldiers.

"News of this occurrence," he said, "should be communicated to people of all shades of opinion throughout the country so that they would rise simultaneously and remove the conditions which made such occurrences possible."

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 13/16

"BOY'S" THEFT.

European Employer
Robbed.

OVER \$1,200 STOLEN.

Mr. H. Fawcett, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, has reported to the Police that his "boy" has absconded with \$1,235, part of which he had been entrusted with for the purpose of paying a number of bills, the remainder having been taken from the drawer of a desk the lock of which had been opened by a duplicate key.

SHEER HARD LUCK.

MALAY SEAMEN'S QUEST FOR
WORK.

Two more coloured seamen were brought before the Bench when Mr. W. Schofield took his seat at the Central Magistracy this morning. The first, Ismail bin Delah, a Malay, who stated that he had been born in Kuala Lumpur (the Federal capital) said that he had arrived here two months ago, but had been unable to secure a ship. He had some savings when he arrived in the Colony, but had exhausted everything in his endeavour to secure work.

His Worship: Is it a case of sheer hard luck Sgt. Elston?—Yes. He has excellent discharge papers.

In committing the man to the House of Detention, Mr. Schofield expressed the hope that the authorities would be able to assist him. Akbar Shah, 20, an Indian, was stated to have deserted from the "City of Waterford," and to have hidden in a house in Yaumati until discovered by the Police.

His Worship sent the man to the House of Detention.

activities are to be effectually combated, there is this, however, for their edification that should they attempt to stage-manage anything like a disturbance the firm hand of the law will deal with them. Shanghai has no intention of being made a Tom Tiddler's ground for the sport of these and their fellows, and any attempt to interfere with the normal routine of life here will not be tolerated.

RUMOUR LAID.

Tientsin Concessions Report.

Peking, Jan. 9.
With reference to the report that the Peking Government is contemplating taking over the Concessions at Tientsin, the Wai-chiao-pu has no knowledge of any such suggestion, and it is pointed out that no Government is functioning at Peking at present, as the Cabinet has not yet been re-formed.

Most Britons at Peking express the opinion, however, that in view of the "extreme weakness" shown in the abandonment of the Hankow Concession, some hot-heads may desire to follow the footsteps of the mobs at Hankow.

The Hankow affair is regarded as one of the most deplorable disgraces sustained by Britain in many years, though it is earnestly hoped that something will be done to redeem the situation.

WAR IN NORTH.

Marshal Sun Claims Victories.

A bulletin issued by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and Gen. Meng Chao-yeh, according to the Chinese Press, reports the Allied Forces have made several advances capturing prisoners in Chekiang.

Following the capture of Fuyang the Allied Forces attacked the Southerners at Ching Yin Jac, Tang Ka Pu and other places and after a battle of 10 hours the Southerners retreated to Sin Tun and Tung Lu losing several hundred killed while a regimental commander and 100 troops were captured with a large quantity of arms.

On the morning of January 6 the Allied Forces attacked Sin Tun and captured it at 2 o'clock, killing 600 and taking 70 prisoners.

Further Successes.

Hangchow, Jan. 8.
It is learned from a reliable source that General Sun Chuan-fang's troops occupied Tunglu at about 9 o'clock last night while General Meng Chao-yeh, Commander-in-Chief of the 8rd Army

THE WAY OF THE LAW.

Magistracy A Gaming
House!

TO-DAY'S CURIOUS CASE.

"Even the legislature couldn't be so wicked as to say that a man could be presumed to have something in his possession for the purpose of sale if it was absolutely worthless," said Mr. F. H. Loseby, when addressing Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning on behalf of two Chinese, a father and his son, who were charged with possessing Po Pin lottery tickets and with keeping a common gaming house.

At the previous hearing of the case, the father, in the witness-box, had stated that he had bought three tickets because he owed \$700 and hoped to win a prize and thereby liquidate his liabilities before the Chinese New Year. A list which, it was alleged, was one used in connection with the drawing of a lottery, was merely a record of moneys paid in connection with a volunteer defence corps in witness's native village.

At the commencement of this morning's hearing Mr. Loseby said that he did not think it necessary to put the 2nd defendant in the box as his evidence would not affect the charge. Mr. Schofield, however, said that he wished to ask a few questions, and the youth was sworn.

In reply to his Worship, witness said that the tickets were in his possession because he had been instructed by his father, whose eyesight was bad, to compare the tickets with the list.

His Worship: You are a dutiful son, so you obeyed your father?—Yes.

Mr. Schofield informed Mr. Loseby that he was not impressed with the story about the volunteer defence corps. Mr. Loseby replied by stating that in his opinion it did not affect the main issue.

Det. Sgt. Carey said that the list was a long one, the characters compared with those on the tickets and he, Sgt. Carey, thought that the police evidence was conclusive on that point.

Mr. Loseby: We know the Inspector does his work thoroughly.

The Legal Aspect.

Dealing with the legal aspect of the case, Mr. Loseby said that the Ordinance stated that anyone found in possession of lottery tickets would be presumed to have them for the purpose of sale. He, Mr. Loseby, was liable to be brought before his Worship because he had one or two lottery tickets in his house. (Laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Loseby said that by an extraordinary process of legislation the presence of one ticket would make an ordinary house a common gaming house. As a matter of fact, until the contrary was proved, his Worship's Court was at that moment a common gaming house. (Laughter).

The only evidence in the case, continued Mr. Loseby, was that of the father, and his Worship was bound to accept it. The man had said on oath that he had bought the tickets and had given a reason for buying them.

Newspaper Circulation.

"I should imagine, judging from the foreign population, of the Colony, that nearly 15,000 newspapers are published every day in Hong Kong. That would make the total almost equal that of the number of lottery tickets which we all know are circulated in Hong Kong every month."

Continuing, counsel said that even the legislature couldn't be so wicked as to say that a man could be presumed to have anything in his possession for sale if it was absolutely worthless. A ticket out of date was worthless and it was therefore the work of the police to prove that the tickets in this case had not been drawn for.

"Vagabonds All."

Mr. Loseby proceeded to quote from Judge Parry's "Vagabonds All" as follows:—

"There have been laws in this country against vagrancy since Eadric reigned in Kent in the 7th century, and early in the 18th century they were peculiarly harsh. No poor person could leave his parish and wander in search of work or pleasure without a pass. If he was found begging, or fiddling, or play-acting or doing any forbidden act, or if he was a sailor or soldier going to or from his ship or regiment and had no pass, he was a rogue and a vagabond. As such the minister and constable of his parish were to apprehend him, and it was their duty to see that such rogues 'be striped naked from the middle upwards, and openly whipped till their body be bloody, and they forthwith be sent away from Constable to Constable, the next straight way to the place of their birth.'"

"As it was in the beginning, so it certainly is to-day, and the res-

UNUSUAL PIRATES.

Protect Victims From
Others.

MORE ABOUT THE "WING WO."

Solicitous for the welfare of their victims, the four pirates who brought off a coup on the Hong Kong (Chinese) steamer "Wing Wo" on the night of Jan. 5 actually accorded the ship protection from other marauders who were warned off.

Details about the attack on this vessel while bound for Kwong-chow-wan were given in Monday's "China Mail."

A Chinese report to hand says that the boatswain identified the leader as a former cook on the boat, who had three accomplices. Between them they had two pistols concealed in a basket of goods. They took the only other two firearms on the ship from the captain's cabin.

On the morning of Jan. 6, about half the cargo was discharged and seven men were taken from the boat.

\$20,000 Not Found.
After this he pirates offered to conduct the "Wing Wo" out of the bay (near St. John's Island) as other gangs were in the vicinity.

While the pirates were on board the departing steamer, several junks sailed up and threatened the ship, says the report, but they were warned off by the four pirates. Outside the bay, a gangway was lowered for the pirates to leave, the miscreants insisting on the Portuguese captain accompanying them to the sampan as proof of good faith.

A Ford Bayard merchant who had \$20,000 on him disguised himself as a stoker and kept his money.

About half the cargo was removed and the loot totals about \$20,000, including large quantities of copper cents which were being taken away from Hong Kong to the south of Kwangtung.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is as follows:—E. winds, moderate; fine at first, some rain later.

At 11.25 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported as follows:—Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan moderately over central Japan and slightly from S. Manchuria to S.W. Japan. It has decreased slightly over China and Formosa and is nearly stationary in the South.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 29.93; temperature 60; humidity 91; wind E; force 3; weather blue skies.

son that these cruel laws did not, as the Americans say 'cut any ice' was that the instinct of humanity was against them.

"With the exception perhaps of Home Secretaries the bulk of the English people suffer rogues and vagabonds very kindly."

Not the Attorney-General. Sgt. Carey then rose and commenced addressing his Worship, but Mr. Loseby, amid much laughter, observed that the Police had closed their case, and as the officer was not the Attorney-General, he, counsel, must object.

His Worship sustained the objection.

Mr. Schofield: If this place was not a place of a lottery, what on earth was your client's list for? I am afraid I am not prepared to accept his story.

Mr. Loseby: You have a statutory offence and I have a perfect answer. Here the thing is being done openly; everyone buys the tickets. It has never been suggested that this man was a principal. It simply comes to this; reading between the lines, no deliberate attempt has been made to put down the lottery. I also say that in this case your Worship is entitled to have more evidence before the defendants can be convicted. If these things are being sold openly, there must be more evidence, if not, then I am entitled to the benefit of the doubt. We are often convinced that people are telling lies, but it would be a very poor day if people had to go to jail because we did not believe stories the contrary to which was not proved by the prosecution.

Mr. Schofield said that he found the father "guilty on both charges. He would be fined \$50 for possessing the tickets, and a similar sum for being concerned in the running of the lottery."

With regard to the son, he would be fined \$10 for aiding and abetting his father in connection with the first offence. The second charge against the boy would be dismissed.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police,
13th January, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. CECIL GORDON COPLEY has been appointed Secretary of this Company.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Chairman.
Hong Kong, 12th January, 1927.

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In connection with the proposed voluntary liquidation of the above firm, owing to the death of Mr. J. H. van Gennep Lohr, the sole proprietor, all persons having claims against or owing moneys to the firm's estate, are requested to send particulars thereof to the Macao Office before Monday, the 21st of January 1927.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY has been transferred from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to the LAND OFFICE, Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

PHILIP JACKS,
Registrar of Marriages,
The Marriage Registry
Supreme Court,
Hong Kong,
13th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY, January 10th, 1927, the Offices of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will be on the first floor of the New Government Building in Connaught Road Central.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs,
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, 22nd January, 1927, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.

Hong Kong, 7th January, 1927.

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DINNER DANCE,
8-12 p.m. Jan. 21st 1927.

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Hong Kong, 7th January, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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H.K.V.D.C.**VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.****CHANGES IN STRENGTH.**

Extracts from this week's orders (issued to-day) by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read:

Artillery Company.
The Artillery Company will attend Tai Lam camp this week-end. Details as announced.

Engineer Company.
Signal Section parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Armoured Car.
All members parade in the miniature range at Headquarters on Monday, at 5.30 p.m. for spoon competition.

Infantry Company.
Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 5.30 p.m.: Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Platoons at Headquarters, Company Signalling class as usual.

INDIA'S CHARMS.**LAND OF THE BANYAN TREE.****A LOCAL LECTURE.**

A lantern lecture on India, the modes and customs of its people, was delivered yesterday evening at St. Andrew's Church Hall by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, the new Minister of the Wesleyan Church Wanchai, who has spent 28 years in India.

The vastness of the rice, maize, and corn fields and the Indian methods of ploughing and irrigating were demonstrated; the lecturer stating that as an agricultural country India was second to none. An interesting theory put forward by the lecturer was that the plains of the Deccan in Southern India were all in so many respects to the valley of Africa that at one time the Deccan and the valley might have formed one plain stretching over that part of the globe.

Interesting pictures of the fauna and flora of India were shown, in-

A LOCAL GUILD.**ALLEGATIONS REGARDING FUNDS.****A CANTON EXODUS.**

Further cross-examination was made at the Summary Court yesterday in the case in which Mr. D. McCallum alleges that the plaintiffs (the Hong Kong House Masons' Guild officials) fled to Canton with the funds of the Guild when the strike broke out here in July, 1926.

Mr. McCallum is defending a member of the Guild against whom the officials claim \$249.92 as percentage subscription to Guild funds for contracts performed.

Another official of the Guild was asked if funds of the Guild were sent to Canton for strike pay. He denied this and said that the only amounts that had been sent to Canton were for the relatives of members who had died.



The mutual affection of Princess Astrid of Sweden and Prince Leopold of Belgium was suppressed in the excitement surrounding the prince's arrival in Stockholm to claim his bride. This picture, taken at their meeting, shows (left to right) Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, Princess Ingeborg, mother of the bride, Astrid and Leopold.

Tuesday, Jan. 25.—No. 1 Platoon at miniature range; Nos. 3 & 4 at Kennedy range.

Scottish Company.
Musketry Part II. at Stonecutters on Sunday.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Parades on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.:—No. 5 Platoon at Tai Koo Dock; No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Docks; No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters.

Reserve Company.
A Lewis Gun Instructional Class will be held at Headquarters every Friday evening at 5.30 p.m. Those wishing to attend please send in their names to O.C.

Casuals.
Musketry Part II at Stonecutters on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 30.

This is the last opportunity for members of the Corps who have not yet completed Part II to attend. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

STRENGTH.
The following recruit is taken on the strength and posted to No. 2 Platoon (Infantry Co.):—Pte. D. M. Richards.

Transfer.
The following are transferred from the Pipe and Drum Band and posted to No. 5 Section, No. 2 Platoon:—Pte. E. L. W. Dunnett, Pte. C. R. Warren.

Marksmen.
The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—Reserve Company:—Corpl. J. A. Lyon, 101 points; Pte. G. E. Stephens, 98 points; Pte. C. E. Frith, 97 points; Pte. S. E. Green, 95 points; Lt. A. M. Thornhill, 91 points.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence:—Gr. J. Watson, Artillery Co. from Jan. 12 to Jan. 11, 1928.

Pte. E. W. Carpenter, Reserve Co., from Jan. 8 to Nov. 7.

Pte. H. J. Howard, No. 4 Platoon, from Dec. 14, 1926, to March 31, 1927.

Spr. A. Spary, Engineer Co. from Nov. 10, 1926, to May 9, 1927.

Spr. R. C. Keen, Engineer Co., from March 15 to April 14, 1928.

Pte. R. A. Wadson, A. C. Co., from Feb. 9 to Sept. 30.

Pte. G. W. Sellers, No. 7 Platoon, from March 1 to Feb. 23, 1923.

Resignations.
The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

cluding one of a beautiful banyan tree which had spread to gigantic size from one small stem. The banyan, explained the lecturer, grew up and down the palm tree and eventually surrounded the trunk, the seed being sown in cavities of the palm tree by birds.

Domestic scenes illustrative of the life of Indian women were also thrown on to the screen, the lecturer commenting on the contrast between the lives of women of the West and women of the East. Other pictures showed snake-charmers at work, these men, stating the lecturer, being possessed undoubtedly of remarkable powers over snakes. Street musicians with their inevitable tom-toms were pictured, also scenes of various phases of missionary work.

At the conclusion, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

LONDON FIRE THRILL.

A crowd watched Mr. Frederick Levy, a barrister, and his friend, Mrs. S. Pettigrew, escape from a blazing fourth storey flat in Newman-street, Oxford-street, W., by perilous steps along a narrow water trough, 70 feet above the ground. The flames prevented their escape down the staircase.

In their pyjamas the two men moved along the water trough inch by inch for several yards to safety, while the crowd held their breath, expecting every minute to see them topple off.

A young woman who was found hanging in a fainting condition out of a window was rescued by a policeman who had made his way along a water-pipe. He pulled the girl from the window and handed her to another policeman who was leaning out of the window of the next flat.

Reserve Company.—L/Sergt. K. R. Macaskill; Pte. R. Duncan; Pte. W. F. Hedley.

Struck Off.

The following is not returning to the Colony and is struck off the strength:—Pte. V. M. Hart, No. 2 Platoon.

Annual Rifle Meeting.

There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters for the purpose of arranging the programme for the coming rifle meeting. Representatives from each unit are requested to attend.

He admitted that large numbers of Guild members had gone to Canton.

This was also the contention of a further witness, the Guild accountant, who produced books relating to work done by the defendant. Witness also denied that the Guild had a branch in Canton. The inclusion of "and Canton" in the title of the Guild only meant that a Hong Kong member could do certain work in Canton.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

A message from Copenhagen reports the death of Herr L. M. Ericsson, the telephone engineer.



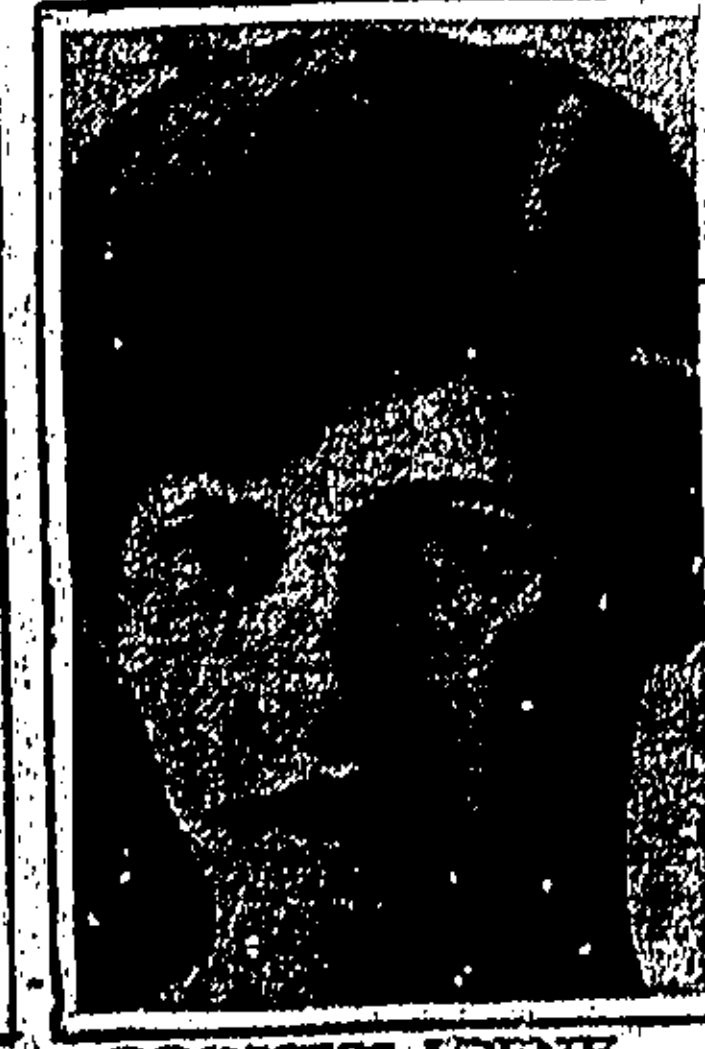
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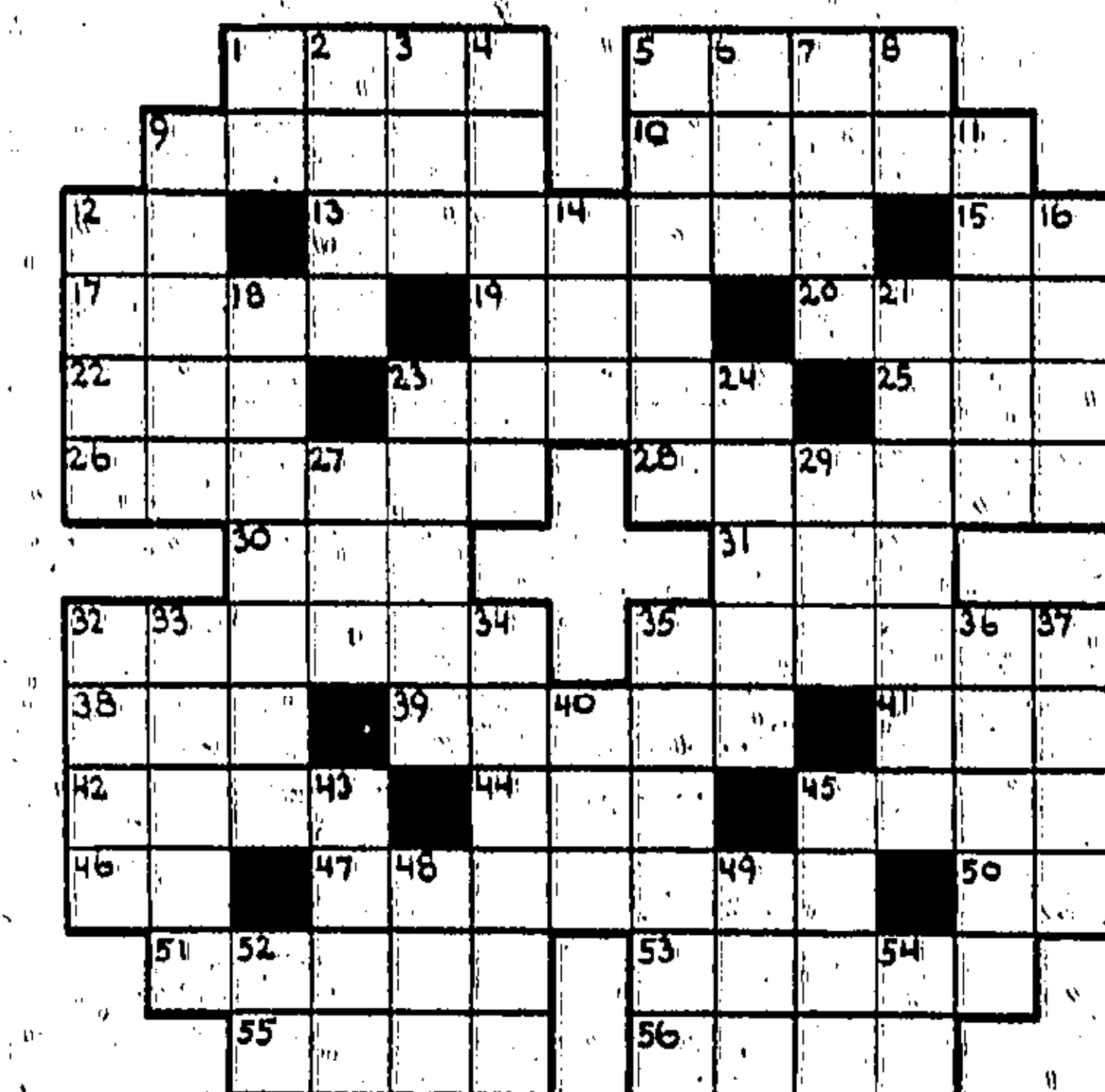


PRINCESS IRENE

"Nicky" Arnstein, alleged master mind in huge Wall Street bond thefts, must stand trial for receiving stolen property. Miss Allison, movie actress, was married to James Quirk, publisher, at Los Angeles. Prince Aymon, nephew of the King of Italy, was reported in love with Princess Irene of Greece.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and alto.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Close | 44-A month | 14-Boiled |
| 5-A pretentiousness | 45-A continent | 15-Heavenly body |
| 9-Balance | 46-Light infantry (abbr.) | 18-Melting |
| 10-Angry | 47-Whim | 21-Stretcher |
| 12-Salvation Army (abbr.) | 50-Hear (abbr.) | 23-A vegetable (pl.) |
| 13-A small remainder | 51-A spice | 24-Roses |
| 15-Versus (abbr.) | 53-Authoritative | 27-2240 pounds |
| 17-Gunning | 54-Standard | 28-Bring suit against |
| 19-Apt | 55-Wide-mouthed | 32-Rind |
| 20-Thin strip of wood | 56-Emits a steady light | 33-Solution of accurate thinking |
| 22-A tree | 57-Vary | 34-A picnic basket |
| 23-Created | 58-Rent | 35-Weeping |
| 25-Girl's name | 59-Employ | 36-Destroy |
| 26-Tidied | 60-Passion | 37-Measure of time |
| 27-Near relative | 61-A break | 40-To ban |
| 28-Grief | 62-Vase | 43-Flatboat |
| 30-Sever | 63-Rugs | 45-Combining form. |
| 31-Block on which a column rests | 64-A measure of capacity (abbr.) | 46-Hall (Lat.) |
| 32-Happy | 65-A full | 48-Military title |
| 33-An eternity | 66-Escape | 49-Military title |
| 34-A weapon | 67-Look over carefully | 52-The (French) |
| 35-Remot | 68-Look over carefully | 54-Most Worshipped |
| 36-Remot | 69-Look over carefully | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. Then give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn give you a clue to other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting in the squares and running either horizontally or vertically.

The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.

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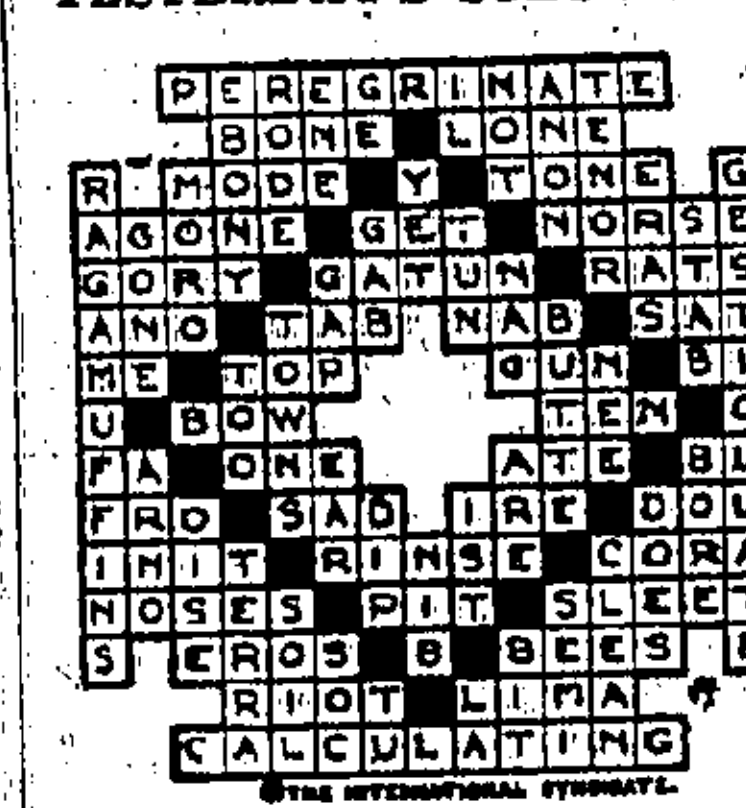
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(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian; East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
January 14	7.08	6.59
" 15	7.06	6.59
" 16	7.06	6.59
" 17	7.06	6.59
" 18	7.05	6.59
" 19	7.05	6.59
" 20	7.05	6.59
" 21	7.05	6.59
" 22	7.05	6.59
" 23	7.05	6.59
" 24	7.05	6.59
" 25	7.05	6.59
" 26	7.04	6.59
" 27	7.04	6.59
" 28	7.04	6.59
" 29	7.04	6.59
" 30	7.03	6.59
" 31	7.03	6.59

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ALFA MARU Saturday, 15th January.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MANILA MARU Monday, 17th January.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU Tuesday, 18th January.
KOHRYU MARU (Calle at Penang) Wednesday, 19th January.
MANSU MARU Sunday, 23rd January.
CELEBES MARU Sunday, 30th January.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Saturday, 22nd January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 26th January.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEIKOW MARU Sunday, 30th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIKONG—Via HONGKONG & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Saturday, 22nd January.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAIKONG MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Wednesday, 19th January.
SANUKI MARU Tuesday, 25th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
TOZAN MARU Saturday, 10th January, 10 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU Wednesday 19 January.
KAJO MARU Sunday, 23rd January, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 27th Jan. 8 a.m.
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The eyes of the whole world are now focussed on Hankow. Every day comment is broadcast to indicate the views of all interested parties. That information from the spot is early sought is plainly abundant. All the daily reports, collected from all sources, are comprehensively and faithfully reproduced in the "Overland China Mail."

As will be seen in the daily issue, these reports come from the largest variety of sources this week, making up a complete and vivid pen-picture of the stirring events. Not only do they reflect the opinions of British and the Chinese Nationalists, but also of disinterested parties.

Such a collection is the best for sending away to friends at home and abroad, friends who eagerly look forward to residents in China telling them all they want to know about the developments, not only at Hankow, but in other Treaty ports.

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Homeward Mail closes on Saturday at 9.30 a.m.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

"THE MOTOR SHIP."

FEATURES IN DECEMBER
ISSUE.

1926 A RECORD YEAR.

Despite industrial troubles and depreciation in the shipbuilding industry, all records in motor ship construction were surpassed in 1926, when a larger tonnage of oil-engined craft was built than in any previous year.

This is a statement of fact that appeared in the brochure recently issued regarding the progress of "The Motor Ship."

The December issue of "The Motor Ship" is well up to its high standard. It is full of interest not only for those directly engaged in ship construction and motor vessels, but also for the layman and the merchant in general. Features in the latest number to hand are:

The passenger and cargo ship "Clematis," two 15-knot cargo vessels; the largest Italian motor ship; recent motor ship contracts; a fast motor coaster; an 800 h.p. trunk piston engine; a new Diesel motor; the double-acting engine m.s. "Tampa."

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British 29
American 1
Panama 1
Norwegian 6
German 1
Japanese 7
Chinese 15
Dutch 3
Portuguese 3
French 1

Arrivals 21 (8 British)—Tilawa, Hopang, Linan, Chenan, Talamba, Changchow, Huichow, Nanning, 1 American—President Cleveland; 1 French—Jade; 3 Norwegian—Knut Hamsun, Kronviken, Tonjer; 4 Japanese—Suwa Maru, Altai Maru, Sunghuan Maru, Chukwa Maru; 4 Chinese—Hai Yen, Tai Sze Ma, Tak Hing, Foo Lee).
Departures 20—(8 British)—Teau, Fooksang, Peumpenh, Hiansang, Lumpok, Chenan, Linan, Chin-hua; 2 Norwegian—Fingah, Tonjer; 6 Japanese—Sunghuan Maru, Kokoku Maru, Kotsu Maru, Chukwa Maru, Kojun Maru, Tamba Maru; 3 Chinese—Yuen Jeng, Hai Yen, Tak Hing; 1 Dutch—Tijlroen.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Two more cases of boarding incoming passenger boats without permission came up at the Marine Court this morning, when the Magistrate (Mr. Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.) imposed terms of hard labour without the option of a fine.

The two Chinese were found on the "Tilawa" when alongside No. 4 wharf at the Kowloon Godowns. The first got a month. With a previous conviction, the second got two months.
For dumping building materials (without permission) in the harbour off the Praya East Reclamation, the master of a cargo-boat was fined \$20.

CANTON QUARANTINE.

The Superintendent of Customs and the representative of the Foreign Consular Body at Canton have declared the port of Haiphong to be infected with cholera.

All vessels arriving either at Canton or Whampoa from Haiphong are to be governed by the sanitary regulations for the port of Canton with the two usual modifications.

SUICIDE & A DEATH.

There were two deaths on the s.s. "Tilawa" which arrived here yesterday with over 1,300 deck passengers. On Jan. 1, between Rangoon and Penang, a Chinese committed suicide by jumping overboard. On Wednesday (i.e. between Singapore and Hong Kong) another died from malaria fever.

The four-masted barque "Garthpool," one of the last few British sailing vessels, has sailed from the Mersey for Adelaide.

It is rumoured at Monte Video that the German ships confiscated by Uruguay during the war will shortly be disposed of. It is also stated that eight of the vessels in question will be handed over to Great Britain.

The first ship has anchored in the new harbour at Takoradi, Gold Coast, which has been constructed by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, of Pall Mall, S.W., at a cost of £3,000,000.

24 LIVES LOST.

FRENCH BARQUE COLLIDES
WITH LINER.

London, Dec. 28.

Twenty-four sailors of the French barque, "Eugene Schneider," proceeding to Ghent from West Africa, are missing as a result of a collision on Christmas night, 30 miles from Portland, with the Elder-Dempster steamer "Burutu," which picked up four Frenchmen.

LARGE CONTRACTS.

BRITAIN'S LEAD IN MOTOR
SHIPS.

Some doubt had been expressed whether British shipowners are taking to the motor vessel to the same extent as their foreign competitors, but according to "The Motor Ship," recent events show the position now to be more reassuring than has hitherto been the case. Since the beginning of October, contracts have been awarded for large motor ships with a carrying capacity of 480,000 tons. Of these craft, over half, with a tonnage of 230,000 are to be built in British yards. This is more than double the motor tonnage ordered in the same period in any other country, Germany being second with vessels—a large proportion for foreign ownership—of about 100,000 tons deadweight. In view of the numerous contracts that have recently been placed, it may be considered that whilst there will be no boom in shipbuilding, a return towards stability is now assured.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

First class passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Manila on the "President Cleveland" on Jan. 14 were—Mr. A. M. Amend, Mr. J. M. Brodth, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Best and Miss E. Best, Mr. Chi Chon, Mr. F. H. Hedges, Mr. W. Lythcoe, Mr. Ma Tong-ping, Mr. Qua Chi-pao, Mr. Ng Chek-puan, Mr. E. Ragund, Mr. Leung Wong-shih, Mr. F. C. Santos, Dr. J. Silvestre, Mr. Ong Teng-tian.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Suwa Maru" from Yokohama via ports on Jan. 14 were—Mr. J. K. (Sr.), Mrs. E. M. J. K. (Sr.), Mr. W. D. and Miss L. Bigelow, Mr. W. H. Taylor, the Misses A. C. and F. S. Kenyon, Mr. J. E. Cooks, Mr. E. L. Harrison, Mr. E. A. Nelson, Mr. T. F. Simon, Mr. T. and Miss A. M. Baty, Mr. and Mrs. C. George, Mr. A. H. C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rasmussen, Mr. A. Samson, Mr. B. M. Bill, Mrs. J. T. Giles, Miss P. D. Hoffman, Mrs. M. P. Graham, Rev. H. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. F. and the Misses R. V. and O. Child, Mrs. D. Singer, Mr. J. L. Jakobzen, Mrs. E. Paterson.

SHIP STRIKES REEF.

Singapore, Jan. 13.
The steamer "Royal Star," belonging to the Blue Star Line, arrived to-day damaged, having struck a reef in outer Singapore Strait.—Reuter.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Weirbank" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-day, will be subject to rent. Consignees will have to pay a general average of 15% on part of s.s. "Java's" cargo on board prior to her grounding off Lisbon, unless same has been adjusted by shippers in Copenhagen, and goods remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong, to-day.
The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 30, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

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The renovation of the hull of H.M.S. "Victory" has been completed, and arrangements have now been completed for the final resting-place of Nelson's old flagship.

Professor Callender, one of the organisers of the "Save the Victory" Fund, stated that it has just been decided to build at a cost of £2,000 a concrete wall on which the "Victory" will permanently rest in the oldest dry-dock in the world, built at Portsmouth by Henry VIII. This decision was taken in order to avoid the flattening of the keel. The wall, which will be ready in about three months, will be 200ft. long and 20in. wide, and will stand above the base of the dock 5ft. high at the stern and 9ft. high at the bow of the ship. The "Victory" will thus be poised on her keel, and supported in an upright position by horizontal steel bars. There will be arches in the concrete wall through which visitors will be able to walk.

When the masts and rigging are in position the ship will appear in every detail as she was in 1805 on the day of Nelson's death.

Prince Arthur of Connaught presided at a festival dinner of the British Sailors' Society at Prince's Galleries, Piccadilly, W. He was supported by a distinguished company.

The Board of Trade have requested their solicitor to take the necessary steps for holding a formal investigation into the circumstances attending the loss of the steamer "Eastway," of Cardiff, official number 142,462, which foundered in the North Atlantic on October 22, 1926, with loss of life.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC.
TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STEAMERS	H'Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Yokohama
	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 31

(E/Asia & E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)

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MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,007	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE	8,862	2nd March	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Marseilles and London
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Marseilles and London
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHBER	9,114	7th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles and London
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles and London

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TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,002	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,862	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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STORY OF THE NEW YEAR RISING.

SEVERE LOSSES OF REBELS.

Batavia, Jan. 4.
Padang: A full story is now available of the rising in Padang, west coast of Sumatra.

At midnight on the 1st inst. a party of field police at Moeraklaban were attacked by 60 Communists, part of a gang of 200 which planned to ransack Sawahlontoe.

The attack was repulsed by reinforcement from Sawahlontoe, and troops in motor cars engaged the other part of the gang, which on being attacked fled leaving two killed and one prisoner.

During the early morning telegraphic communication with Siboenkang was interrupted, and the Assistant Resident of Sawahlontoe marched on with three and a half brigades of Field Police, and approached the station yard at Siboenkang where there were 60 insurgents.

About 20 men attacked the party with swords. Two policemen were slightly wounded. Seven of the enemy were killed. Of the remainder some escaped and the others were arrested.

Railway Track Baricaded.
The station master's house was bombed and set on fire. The station master escaped injury, and the post clerk fled. The first train from Solok for Siboenkang failed to reach its destination, the truck having been barricaded. Several Government houses at Soenkelassie were destroyed and the inhabitants fled.

At 7.30 this morning an omnibus, carrying a red flag from Tandjongpempel, was stopped by a native chief in front of the cantonment at Moeraklaban, and twelve men armed among other things, with Beaumont rifles were arrested.

Communication with Siboenkang was interrupted, and the Assistant Resident of Sawahlontoe went by train to Moerak. On leaving the tunnel, 20 rebels armed with klewang were met with. Twelve of them were arrested and the remainder fled. As the train proceeded on its way it was subjected to heavy fire from the village of Padang Siboenkang. About two kilometres further on all the flagpoles of the track were found to have been hoisted.

At Padang Siboenkang the native chief was murdered and the station master's son and the station clerk were seriously wounded.

After removing the wounded and the prisoners the Assistant Resident of Sawahlontoe returned to Siboenkang. On the way he encountered a party of about thirty men. He ordered them to come forward raised above their heads. The first one on approaching made as if he intended to attack and was immediately shot dead. Upon his body being searched a number of Browning bullets were found.

European Inspector Murdered.
A European was inspector, named Lewis, was murdered in his house, but his wife and children escaped without injury. A clerk was found dying between three bodies, in his house. Four native school masters were murdered, but their families escaped. The whole of the Siboenkang district was deserted by the population.

Until Sunday afternoon the enemy's losses amounted to seven killed. On Sunday afternoon the whole district between Soenkelassie and Siboenkang revolted. Three brigades of infantry were sent towards Sawahlontoe in motor cars.

The first motor car was heavily fired upon, and Lieut. Simons was killed. A third brigade arrived a little later and repulsed twelve attacks and suffered no losses.

The enemy casualties were eight killed, and four prisoners were taken.

MEXICAN RISINGS.

ROMAN CATHOLICS RESIST PRESIDENT.

Mexico City, Jan. 13.

Despite reassuring official statements, reports of risings, insurrections, shootings and hangings in various parts of Mexico continue to filter in increasing volume. Official circles are of opinion that the Catholics' resistance to Calles' regime will be strengthened by frequent exhortations from the Pope and also by the arrest of Bishop Tobasco and other prelates.

President Calles has issued a further communique, accusing the Catholic Episcopate of responsibility for the risings under the banner of "Long live Christ our King," charging the Episcopate with traitorously seeking an advantage from the fact that relations with the United States are strained.

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COOK'S CHILDREN.

TO BE "DYED-IN-THE-WOOL" BOLSHEVICS.

Moscow, Dec. 14.

The general secretary of the Federated Miners' Union of Britain (Mr. A. J. Cook) informed a conference of Young Communist Pioneers, who are the Boy Scouts of Russia, that he is sending his two elder children—a boy and a girl—to Moscow, in order that they should be brought up as dyed-in-the-wool Bolshevics. Their education must contain a good grounding in the principles of Communism. He was going to bring two young Russian Pioneers to England in exchange. The Conference presented Mr. Cook with a flaming red tie as a memento.

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Tiau via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed. 26th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Wed. 26th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	FOOSANG	Mon. 31st Jan. at 1 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOSANG	Wed. 2nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
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London, Dec. 29.

A laughing audience applauding a pantomime "Cinderella"—at Cardiff yesterday did not suspect the agony in which the vivacious Miss Lynda Martell, one of the "ugly sisters," was playing her part.

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TOO LATE.

DYING MOTHER'S RADIO CALL.

London, Dec. 28.

Wireless broadcast calls from London to Mr. Ronald Saltmarch, who was travelling for a motor firm in Persia, to the bedside of his dying mother at Windsor, were intercepted by his firm who cabled him to return home immediately.

Mr. Saltmarch secured a passage in an aeroplane and flew to Baku where he entrained for Moscow when he proceeded home via Poland and Germany, the journey taking nine days. His mother, however, died before his arrival.

NATURE'S FURY.

SNOWSTORM'S UNPRECEDENTED SEVERITY.

London, Dec. 27.

Moscow.—A snowstorm of unprecedented severity for the last seventy years is raging on the coast of Okhotsk. Many fishing villages have been washed away by the high tides. Great blocks of ice, six feet thick, have been cast ashore. The blocks are believed to have drifted from the Arctic Ocean. They bear vestiges of Siberian swamp mosses and other Polar vegetation. Many casualties are reported.

FIREMEN KILLED.

ENGINE SKIDS ON GREASY ROAD.

London, Dec. 29.

Superintendent Beckwith, of the Stockport Fire Brigade, who should have retired next week, was killed and firemen injured as the result of an extraordinary accident to a fire engine which, dashing to a fire, skidded on the greasy road, and crashed through a wall and dropped 30 ft. on to the road below.

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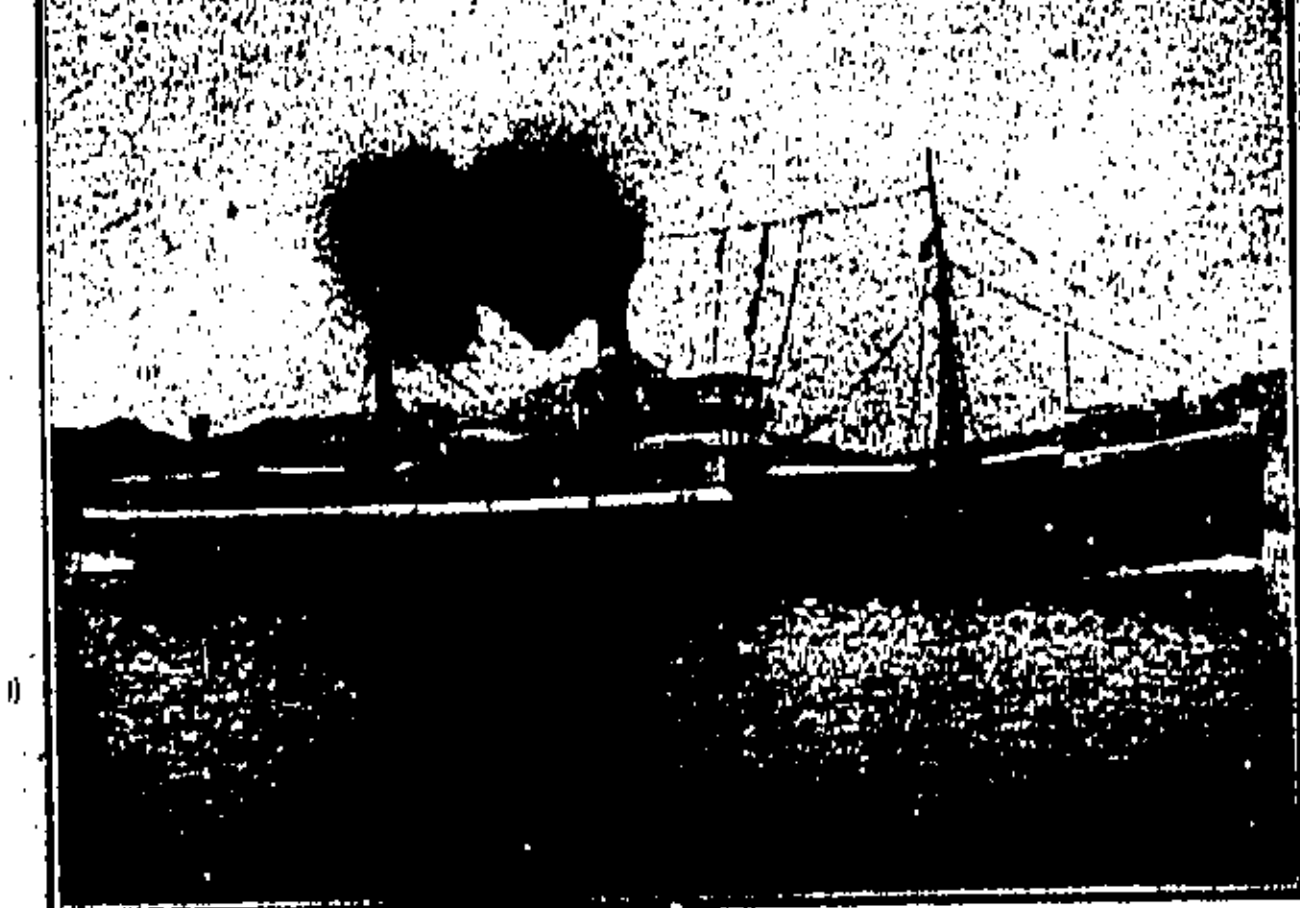
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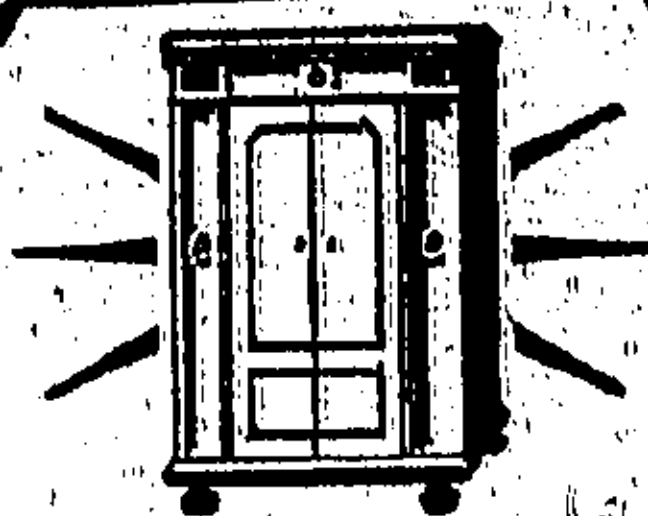
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DEATHS.

BARCLAY.—On January 10, 1927, at Shanghai, Catherine Sutherland Barclay, mother of Mrs. Beasley and Kenneth McKelvie, aged 87 years.

PARRY.—On January 10, 1927, at Shanghai, Robert Glyn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Parry.

Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 14, 1927.

THOSE CONCESSIONS.

Whilst there is a lull in the position in Hankow, during the conference between the British and Nationalist representatives, the latest moves in Peking compel attention. A Japanese news agency reports that, in view of the fact that the activities of the Cantonese might win them much support in the North, the Peking Government has decided to take over the Concessions in Tientsin and is making plans to achieve this end. Confirmation comes from Reuters, who states that representatives of the Peking Government called on certain Legations and "suggested" that the foreign Concessions in Tientsin should be handed over to the Chinese. Reuters adds that this attitude is not considered surprising as the case of Hankow is considered a precedent which, apparently, certain Chinese intend to follow elsewhere.

Hankow cannot possibly be taken as a precedent in the sense intended by "certain Chinese elsewhere." The British Concession there has not been handed over to the Chinese, nor is there any intention to hand it over. In fact the Chinese—as the London "Times" points out—have now discovered the real economic significance of the foreign Concessions in Chinese territory. Chinese as well as foreigners profit by the existence of the Conces-

sions. The temporary removal of British control from the British Concession had as an immediate result the paralysis of the widely ramified Chinese commercial concerns.

What has occurred in Hankow in regard to Chinese trade is exactly what may be expected were the foreign Concessions in Tientsin and elsewhere to be handed over to the Chinese or taken over forcibly by them. The economic upheaval would be disastrous for the whole country, and the Chinese themselves would be engulfed in a commercial slough. The Chinese in Peking had better readjust their thinking caps ere proceeding with their plans respecting the foreign Concessions in Tientsin!

Extreme Action.

According to the Japanese papers in Tientsin, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has sent a warning to the Cantonese General, Chang Kai-shek, not to take extreme action in foreign policy or endanger the lives and property of foreigners. Moreover, Chang Kai-shek is required to cancel his relations with the Soviet Government and expel Borodin and others. If these proposals are accepted, Chang Tso-lin will co-operate with Chang Kai-shek; otherwise, he will resort to fighting. It is to be feared that the Cantonese authorities, military and otherwise, have got themselves too much entangled with Moscow to be able to extricate themselves in the manner laid down by the Mukden war lord. Immense supplies of munitions of war have been filtering through to the Cantonese from Soviet Russia, and the exact amount of the promissory note therefor would probably be staggering were it known. Moreover, Borodin & Co. are not working for nothing, nor is it likely that they can be expelled at a moment's notice, even if the Cantonese were so minded.

If the reports of Chang Tso-lin's warning to the Cantonese Generalissimo are based on truth, then we can only expect Chang Tso-lin to keep to his word and have recourse to fighting.

Episcopal Effusions.

Since his elevation to the episcopacy in 1916 Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Bishop of Exeter, has on more than one occasion distinguished himself by some what extraordinary statements. His Lordship's latest attack upon the secularism of the University of Hong Kong is entirely uncalled for. Whilst his Lordship's quarrel with Viscount Incheape is no concern of ours, some reference to his mischief-making effusions seems to be demanded. To suggest that "American teaching which emphasised the rebellion of the American colonies against England" persuaded the Chinese to proceed through a revolution is sheer nonsense. That President Roosevelt's policy towards China has resulted in a strong pro-American feeling among certain

classes of Chinese few will deny; the contrary could scarcely be expected. Such statements as that sponsored by the Bishop of Exeter cannot but promote ill-feeling—a state of affairs which an Anglican prelate should be the last to desire. As for his Lordship's reference to the secularism of our University, in the name of common sense, could anything be more ludicrous? Cause and effect in China, during recent years, have unfortunately provided ignorant busybodies with an untimely topic on which to rush into print, but few, if any, of the effusions that we have perused from time to time can be compared with the Bishop of Exeter's attack on our University.

CORRESPONDENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—The Bishop of Exeter is reported to have made this astounding statement about the University of Hong Kong.

Most unfortunately the English started the Hong Kong University on a secular basis. Without being certain, my impression is that Lord Incheape or some of his firm were subscribers to that university. That university inspired the Cantonese students, who have proved a most difficult body of students to deal with. If the Hong Kong University had been established on a thoroughly Christian basis and had, as we wished, also taught reverence of the Confucian philosophy, probably there would have been no trouble in Canton.

The quarrel of the Bishop and Lord Incheape is no concern of mine, but I cannot allow the statement about the University to pass unchallenged.

I have been for some years a member of the Court and Council of the University of Hong Kong. Not only have I always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the University, but I have also been continuously in personal touch with its students. As one of the two representatives of the Chinese community on the Hong Kong Legislative Council, I am not altogether unacquainted with what has happened in Canton during the last two eventful years. I say unhesitatingly, and with all the emphasis I can command, that the statement that the Hong Kong University inspired the Cantonese students is entirely without foundation.

I have always found the students of our University to be courteous, quiet, considerate of others, and amenable to discipline and reason. In the seamen's strike of 1922 they behaved admirably; from the time the general strike and boycott began in June 1925 their conduct has been beyond reproach. Only a few of them may be Christians, but they are all gentlemen. They have the right to be protected from irresponsible aspersions; and in protesting most strongly against this slander, I appeal to that charity and tolerance which is, or should be, the guiding principle of the Bishop's life and profession.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. KOTTEWALL.

Hong Kong, Jan. 13, 1927.

FUNERAL.

CAPT. C. E. WEBB LAID TO REST.

The funeral of Captain Charles Ernest Webb, whose death occurred on Wednesday at the Matilda Hospital, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave. The chief mourner was the widow, other mourners being deceased daughters, Mrs. Spary and son-in-law, Mr. W. Brown.

Among others who were present at the interment were Captain T. T. Laurensen, representing the China Coast Officers' Guild, Captain Kennedy of the Indo-China S. N. Company, Mr. Pestonji, Rev. Horace Johnston, Mr. W. M. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stainfield, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stainfield, Mr. Landholdt, Mr. Brown, and officers of the Indo-China S. N. Company.

A large number of wreaths were sent, among which were tributes from Annie (wife), Ah Min and family, Harry and Maude, Edith and Jack, Baby Margaret, Ida, Austin and baby, Captain and Mrs. H. S. Hurley, Captain and Mrs. Jowitt, Captain A. C. Kennedy, Captain D. Sidner, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stainfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Capell and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pestonji, Mrs. B. Oxberry, Mrs. A. M. and Miss de Santos, Mrs. Moore and family, Miss L. Gomes, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Rev. J. Horace Johnston, China Coast Officers' Guild.

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\$295,000 ANNUAL PAYMENT.

In the House of Commons, in mail week, Sir J. Pennefather asked the Postmaster-General (1) the total payments by the British, Indian and Ceylon Governments, respectively, during the last financial year for the carriage of all mails both ways between Marseilles and Bombay; between Marseilles and Colombo; and between Toulon and Colombo; (2) the various routes by which mails are conveyed between England and New Zealand; the normal transit time by each route; and the sums paid by the British and New Zealand Governments, respectively, during the last financial year for the carriage of mails by all routes;

(3) the total sums paid by the British and Australian Governments, respectively, during the financial year for the conveyance of mails between Marseilles and Fremantle, between Toulon and Fremantle, and between London and Sydney, via America; and what were the actual average times occupied last year in the carriage of the mails between London and the above-named Australian ports?

Viscount Wolmer: I am unable to state what payments have been made by the Post Offices of India, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand in the last financial year for the services referred to by the Hon. Member. As regards British services, an inclusive annual payment of \$295,000 is made to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the Eastern Mail Service which includes not only the sections Marseilles-Bombay, Marseilles-Colombo and Marseilles-Fremantle, but also the conveyance of mails by sea from London and the mail services to Egypt, Palestine, Aden, East Africa (with transshipment), the Straits Settlements and China, and the carriage of New Zealand mails despatched via Australia, and the "contract" does not assign a figure of cost to any particular section of the service. Similarly on the North Atlantic service the conveyance to New York of the mails for New Zealand sent via North America is covered by the annual payments for the contract services of the White Star and Cunard Lines. Apart from the contract payments referred to, the actual outpayments on the services during the last financial year amounted to approximately \$36,000. The routes used for the mails for New Zealand and the average times of transit are:—

To New Zealand:—	Days.
Via Canada	31-32
Via U.S.A.	31-34
Via Panama	36-44
Via Suez	39-40
London—Fremantle:—	
Via Toulon or Marseilles 26	
London—Sydney:—	
Via Toulon or Marseilles 31	
Via San Francisco	34-35

EMINENT MEDICOS FOR MALAYA.

The London correspondent of the "Malay Mail" writes:—It is probable that in the near future Sir Norman Walker and Col. Needham, inspectors of the General Medical Council, who are now visiting India, will arrive in Malaya to inspect the King Edward VII College of Medicine at Singapore and other medical institutions in the F. M. S. These gentlemen have been invited to make this tour as guests of the Government by the Governor of the Straits Settlements. The General Medical Council "recognises" diplomas of the College of Medicine of Singapore, and one of the duties of the inspectors is to see the courses of study and examination required for university medical degrees in the Colonies.

Paris, January 12.—Mr. Leconte, the French Consul-General at Hankow, has been elevated to the rank of an Officer of the Legion d'Honneur, while M. Ribet, a merchant of Shanghai, and M. Blondeau, of the Hankow Consulate, have been made Chevaliers of the same Order.—Havas.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—Mr. Sakuragi, who has represented the Japanese interests on the Shanghai Municipal Council during the past eight years, formally tendered his resignation yesterday afternoon, at a meeting of the Council. Mr. Tanaka, Director-General of the Japanese Cotton Millowners' Association in China, will, all the vacancies fill Mr. Sakuragi's term expires at the end of March.—Reuters.

OUR \$250,000 GIFT.

'TRUTH' AND SINGAPORE BASE.

EXAMPLE TO THE EMPIRE.

"Truth" in mail week has the following:—If any taxpayer in this country expected that the Imperial Conference would bring him relief in the shape of contributions from the Dominions to maritime defence—I believe some were so sanguine—he will be disappointed by the report of the deliberations on warlike preparations. The Dominions are all able to show that they are doing something in the way of self-defence, but when it comes to "Imperial" considerations their attitude rather recalls that of the guests in the parable who "began with one consent to make excuse." In this case, however, there are certain exceptions to the unanimity. The Federated Malay States Government has given its two millions to the Singapore base, Hong Kong \$250,000, and Mr. Coates and his Government will consider the question of following these examples.

Mr. Baldwin, in appealing for help, mentioned the Malayan and Hong Kong contributions, but he did not mention, though it can hardly be denied, that the generosity of the F.M.S. Government is by no means approved of by local public opinion. According to my information, it is pretty fairly represented by a cartoon in the Malayan equivalent of "Punch," which depicts the High Commissioner, Sir Laurence Guillemard, dressed as a nursemaid, with the four infants, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang, clinging on to his skirts, while he holds out the money to Mr. Amery and says ingratiatingly but firmly, "Don't you want to give this to Uncle?" Nobody who knows conditions in the F.M.S. believes that the gift was made spontaneously by the four Sultans, and there has been a great deal of criticism throughout the country.

On the whole, moderate opinion may be said to hold that, as the Federated States will enjoy the protection of the naval base, the acceptance of the money involved no infringement of enlightened Imperial policy, but that a sum of \$18,000,000 in Straits currency was far too much to give away, considering that the F.M.S. are badly in arrears with their public works and services, and that a great deal of money must be spent in the next ten years in extending road and rail services throughout the vast jungle areas on the east coast of the Peninsula, if Malaya is to retain her supremacy in rubber production. It is also a matter of grievance that the resolution making the gift should have been rushed through the Federal Council with no previous notification, so that public discussion was prevented until after the gift was an accomplished fact.

WIDOW'S STORY.

BOXING DAY ROBBERY SEQUEL.

An armed robbery in Kowloon City on Boxing Day had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon when Inspector Fallon charged a Chinese with participation with others not at present in custody.

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth was on the Bench. Insp. Fallon, in outlining the facts of the case, said that four men entered the house of a woman at 7 p.m. on Boxing Day. Each man was armed either with a dagger or a chopper, the leader informing the widow that he had been sent in search of contraband. According to the woman's statement, the accused in Court was the second man to enter her house. The occupants were seized and pushed into the kitchen, one man keeping guard over them whilst the others ransacked the house, eventually decamping with money and jewellery to the value of \$586.

The accused was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Paris, January 13.—M. Bouet, professor at Tokyo, Madam Fraide, the directress of the Saint Michel Hospital in Peking, M. La Peyrière, chief engineer of the Shanai railway, M. Licent, manager of the Hongkai hospital museum in Tientsin, and M. Monod, a former merchant in Bangkok, have been appointed Chevaliers of the Legion of Honour.—Havas.

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CRISIS IN CHINA.

Earlier Cable & Wireless Messages.

"TIMES" ON SHANGHAI.

London, Jan. 13.
The "Times" in an editorial on China says that while Shanghai is not nearly so vulnerable as Hankow, there are already indications that the revolutionary propaganda which precedes a Kuomintang offensive is being attempted there, and concludes: "The strictest precautions are necessary, and there is the greatest need for watchfulness; on the part not only of the British Government but of all other governments whose interests in China are in the end identical with our own."—Reuter.

Rugby, Jan. 13.

The "Times," commenting on the Chinese situation, expresses the view that, "on the informa-

BRITISH CABINET.

Awaiting Mr. O'Malley's Report.

London, Jan. 13.
Yesterday's Cabinet meeting lasted an hour and a half. It is believed that the Ministers have decided to await further despatches from Mr. O'Malley and to take no definite decision. They will re-meet soon, perhaps tomorrow.—Reuter.

tion available. Rear-Admiral Cameron, the Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtse, was fully justified in his decision not to permit his small forces to accept the semi-Bolshevik and semi-Nationalist challenge to open fire on the disorderly mob that invaded the Hankow Concession.

Mr. Chen and his advisers have now discovered the real economic significance of the foreign concession in Chinese territory. Not foreigners merely, but the Chinese, profit by the existence of the concessions, and the removal of

AMERICAN ADMIRAL.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.
Admiral Williams, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, has arrived from Manila aboard the flagship Pittsburgh.—Reuter.

British control from the British Concession had as an immediate result the paralysis of the widely ramified Chinese commercial concerns.

At Hankow it was possible to single out the British Concession and ostentatiously to refrain from attacks on concessions of other Powers. At Shanghai that is quite impossible. There the British are intimately associated with several other Powers in the International Settlement, and an attack upon us would involve an attack upon Americans and Japanese, not to speak of the French, whose separate Conces-

CHANGSHA TROUBLE.

Strike and Boycott Begin.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.
A wireless dispatch from Changsha dated the 12th says that the general strike and boycott mentioned yesterday has begun.

Reports from Ichang state that arrangements have been made to evacuate 400 British, and 200 American from Szechuan.

The Hankow situation, according to reports from that city remains the same.—Reuter.

sion could hardly be excluded from the general offensive. There is the greatest need for watchfulness on the part not only of our British Government, but of all other governments whose interests in China are in the end identical with each other and our own.

Cabinet Meeting.

Although yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet, at which the Chinese situation was under review, was the first held for some weeks, the Ministers had been closely following the developments in the Far East.

A further Cabinet meeting is anticipated in two or three days,

and the report from Mr. O'Malley, the Counselor from the Peking Legation, now examining the position at Hankow, will be considered immediately it is received.—British Wireless Service. The China Fleet.

Rugby, Jan. 13.

The Eighth Flotilla, consisting of a leader and two divisions of four destroyers, is now in Home ports in readiness to proceed to Chinese waters.

The river gunboats "Aphis" and "Ladybird" ordered from reserve at Malta to China, will leave in the next two or three weeks, escorted by the destroyers "Wanderer" and "Wolverine." If conditions permit, these destroyers will relieve the "Wolsey" and "Woolston" but in case of need the latter could be retained in China.

The latest information respecting the disposition of British warships in the Yangtse is as follows.

The gunboat "Mantis" is at Chungking, the highest navigable point on the river. The gunboats "Teal" and "Widgeon" are at Wanhsien. The gunboat "Cricketer" is at Ichang, and the "Cockchafer" which has been at Shashi, has now sailed downstream towards Hankow.

In Hankow is Rear-Admiral Cameron's flagship gunboat "Bee," together with the sloop "Magnolia," the destroyers "Woolston," "Wishart," and "Verity," and the gunboat "Woodlark."

The destroyer "Wivern" and gunboat "Scarab" are at Kiating, and at Wuhu is the destroyer "Widawau."

Further down, at Nanking, there are three cruisers—the "Carlisle," "Emerald" and "Vindictive." The cruiser "Despatch" has left Shanghai for Nanking, with Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt on board.

Two destroyers, "Witherington" and "Veteran," are at Chinkiang.

The cruiser "Enterprise" is at Shanghai, where the gunboat "Gnat" is refitting.

Of other ships on the China station, the cruiser "Caradoc" has now reached Hong Kong and the cruiser "Durban" is expected to arrive on Saturday, where she will meet the flagship "Hawkins," under refit, and the aircraft carrier "Hermes."

The sloops "Petersfield," "Hollyhook" and "Bluebell" were also last reported at Hong Kong, and the "Foxglove" at Swatow. The flotilla leader "Keppel" is cruising from Amoy and there are five gunboats allotted to the West River.—British Wireless Service.

Tientsin's Turn.

Peking, Jan. 13.

Reports regarding the desire of the Peking Government to take over the concessions at Tientsin are proved to be nearer the truth than was at first imagined, or it was intelligent anticipation of events, for representatives of the Peking Government called on certain Legations yesterday and "suggested" that the foreign concessions in Tientsin should be handed over to the Chinese.

This attitude is not considered surprising, as the case of Hankow is considered a precedent which apparently certain Chinese intend to follow elsewhere.—Reuter.

Fochow Events.

Fochow, Jan. 13.

Students ransacked a Japanese shop and confiscated and burnt a considerable quantity of goods. Customs transit passes for foreign goods have been refused recognition.

Ships commandeered in the Pagoda Anchorage are waiting to be utilised in the transport of Southern troops for the north. Otherwise all remains quiet.—Reuter.

Canadian Feeling.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 13.

As a counter measure to the driving out of the British residents from Hankow, the local post of the Canadian Legion and British Empire Service League has passed a resolution, for consideration by the Dominion Convention at Winnipeg this month, urging the confiscation of property owned by Chinese in Canada, and the expulsion of all Chinese from the Dominion, after due notice.—Reuter's American Service.

Japan to Protest.

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

It is learned that the Foreign Office has decided to instruct Mr. Yoshizawa to lodge a protest with the Chinese authorities against the proclamation of their intention to impose surtaxes.

It is unlikely Japan will resort to force, unless China attempts to collect the taxes at Tientsin and Dairen forcibly.

It is considered the Chinese declaration is intended more for the facilitation of a domestic loan issue than as an actual collection of the proposed taxes.—Reuter.

BARE ROCK.

NOW A GREAT MODERN CITY.

BISHOP AND HONG KONG.

The Bishop of London, the Right Rev. A. F. Winnington-Ingram, had a large and enthusiastic audience in the Victoria Theatre, Singapore, to hear his address on Christianity and the Empire. The Bishop of Singapore, the Hon. Mr. Hayes Marriott (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. M. H. Whitley (Attorney-General), and many other leading members of the British community were on the platform.

Discussing his travels the Bishop said that from Japan he went on to Korea and thence to China, where he was reminded that the mud bank which was now Shanghai and the bare rock which was now Hong Kong had been turned into modern cities by the industry and the pluck of Britishers. (Applause). He had now arrived in Malaya, and he was looking around to see what he could say about them when he had gone. (Laughter). It had been a very great privilege to see so much of the British Empire, and he was prouder than ever of being an Englishman.

NICARAGUA.

AMERICA AND BOLSHIEVIST INTRIGUE.

REASON FOR STRONG ACTION.

Washington, Jan. 13.

In the course of a document submitted to the Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Kellogg declares that Latin America and Mexico have been conceived as a base for Communist activity against the United States, and cites extracts from a report by Chicherin, which the latter is alleged to assert that Mexico gives the Soviets a convenient political base in America for development of further ties.

Mr. Kellogg says that Bolshevist leaders in past years, have given increasing attention to anti-American activities in Mexico and Latin America, notably a resolution by the executive of the Communist International exhorting American Communists to counter American imperialism in Cuba, the Philippines, and elsewhere, and appoint a group to participate in current work in Latin America.

A New York message says the evening papers feature the foregoing with very heavy headings. It would appear the Government is anxious to end the severe criticism aroused by its South American policy, and has decided to publish what Mr. Kellogg claims is the real reason for the United States' strong action in Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

Argentine Criticism.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 13.

The local press is unanimous in condemning Mr. Coolidge's message on the Nicaragua affair.

The "Prensa" remarks that according to President Coolidge's logic, nobody could condemn the German invasion of Belgium.—Reuter's American Service.

More Marine.

San Diego, Jan. 13.

It is stated in naval circles that the 10,000 ton submarine tender salvage-steamers "Holland" and four destroyers, are leaving for Nicaragua. The "Holland" will probably convey a detachment of United States marines.—Reuter's American Service.

A Misfire.

New York, Jan. 13.

The American newspapers are generally not greatly excited over Mr. Kellogg's statements with regard to "Red" activity in Central America.

The "New York Times" in a leader thinks it unworthy of American traditions for the Government to allege that the motive for its actions in Nicaragua is the "ignoble fear" of Russian revolutionaries, whose long record of blundering and disaster shows they are not really to be feared by any nation, least of all the United States.

The "World" declares: "If the American people want peace, they must begin to fight for it now. They cannot trust the good intentions or wisdom of the State Department, for it is clearly looking for trouble."—Reuter's American Service.

Taking a leaf out of the Kuomintang book, Gen. Chang Chung-chang is reported to have organised a propaganda corps on the same lines as the Kuomintang's propaganda corps, excepting that his men will have as their object the preaching of an anti-Bolshevik campaign. Mr. Ho Hai-ming, a former member of the Peking Parliament, is said to have been appointed commander-in-chief of the corps, and a Mr. Chio Wo-chu is to take command of the local section, and will establish his headquarters in Chapel.

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MAFIA ENDED.

FAMOUS SECRET SOCIETY FINISHED.

Roma, Dec. 13.

The famous secret society, Mafia, after flourishing for half a century, has been exterminated. More than a thousand members of the order have been captured in the last stronghold at Palermo, and they will shortly take their trial.

As no court is big enough to hold the accused, a special temporary court is being erected. The most dangerous members of the Mafia are refugees in America, where they form the knife men of warring gangs of crooks, but those captured include the famous woman brigand, Cagnaccio, who ruled the countryside around the Madonie mountains with a rod of iron, even arranging marriages and levying taxes.

TRAGIC YOUTH.

SUICIDES AFTER FAMILY REUNIONS.

New York, Jan. 4.

Rigsby Will (16), the undergraduate son of Dr. Ira Will, a nationally known psychologist and authority on suicide, killed himself with a small calibre rifle following a happy family reunion.

He left a note saying "after two years' mental turmoil and after comparing ideas with those of various philosophers all indications show that life is barren and I have decided to commit suicide."

In almost identical circumstances, Joseph Moore, an Illinois University student, also a doctor's son, shot himself after a New Year's Eve family celebration, writing a note stating he died because he had "lived life to the full."

PRISON CONCERT.

MURDERERS IN CURTAINED COMPARTMENT.

London, Dec. 23.

Two men who were sentenced to death were among an audience of 500 prisoners at a performance of Handel's Messiah in the chapel of Leeds Jail.

They were concealed from the eyes of their fellow prisoners by a screen, curtained compartment near the pulpit.

After the performance the men were led secretly back to the condemned cells. A pathetic incident marked the opening of the performance. When a young violinist faced the audience a khaki clad prisoner burst into tears and hid his face. It transpired that the prisoner and the violinist were brothers.

LEGITIMACY.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 13.

The Legitimacy Bill gave rise to a warm debate in the House of Commons as to whether there was a right to legitimise a person whose father or mother was married to a third person when an illegitimate person was born.

The Bill as amended refuses to legitimise such a person, and an amendment was moved legitimising such a person, on the ground that canon law should not prevail against the will of the House of Commons, and that it was a medieval idea to visit the sins of parents upon children.

Mr. E. A. Harney (Liberal) urged that the sub-section spoiled the Bill. It was, he said, a cobweb spun by ecclesiastical brains. Captain Hacking, on behalf of the Government, said that the Bill would have been on the statute books years ago but for this controversy, nevertheless, not only the interests of the child, but of the wife must be considered. Acceptance of the amendment would break up many happy homes, and there would be a grave risk of losing the Bill in the House of Lords.

The amendment was rejected by 208 to 101, and the Bill was read a third time.

COFFIN FOUND.

MAN WHO DIED AT SIMLA IN 1863.

Simla, Dec. 27.

A coffin of standard size and shape remarkably well preserved, showing a skull with brown hair and bones intact covered in a night shirt of flannel, was discovered by workmen, during excavating in rebuilding the Arya Girls' School near the District Court.

A Catholic Chapel stood there 22 years ago. The register shows that the remains were of William Grant, age 41, who died on May 20th, 1863. He is said to have built the chapel and gifted it to the Mission.

The remains will be re-buried in the cemetery this afternoon.

DEEP SNOW IN ABERDEEN.

London, Jan. 5.

So deep was the snow in Aberdeen, Scotland, that an army of unemployed was mobilised to clear the streets for the tramways. Snow ploughs had to be used on the railways. Warmer weather is predicted.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

GOOD COMEDY AND GOOD MUSIC.

MR. GROVINI AT ORGAPLAN.

Reginald Denny thoroughly enjoys himself in "Take It From Me," his latest comedy now showing at the Queen's Theatre, and when Reginald Denny enjoys himself the audience can be sure it is in for a good time. The plot of "Take It From Me" is simple yet diverting. Reginald Denny is left a great apartment store provided he can make a profit in his first three months of control. Finding, however, that he is being thwarted by a scheming manager who inherits the store if he fails, Reginald Denny decides to conduct the business in such a way that it will not be worth inheriting. How he goes about this, with the aid of a couple of happy-go-lucky friends, and the unexpected result of his startling methods offer many amusing situations that only require the love-theme, as provided by a pretty confidential secretary, to make a most entertaining picture.

The current programme at the Queen's Theatre is notable for the appearance of Mr. Grovini, who has arrived here to take charge of the musical direction of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. Besides raising the already high standard of the Queen's Orchestra, Mr. Grovini is delighting his audiences with items on the organ, his current numbers being the "Poet and Peasant" Overture and "Summer Rain." Mr. Grovini is a decided acquisition to the Queen's Theatre, and when the new up-to-date organ has been installed, he will be able to demonstrate his full powers as a player. The Queen's Theatre, which already gets all the top-notch pictures, with Mr. Grovini in charge of its music, compare favourably with the best cinemas of London and New York in the presenting of photoplays.

Shadow Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 14—Queen's Theatre; Reginald Denny in "Take It From Me."

January 14—World Theatre; Lon Chaney "The Hunch Back of Notre Dame."

January 14—Star Theatre; Katherine Macdonald in "Refugee."

January 14—Isako's Circus at Chater Rd., Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

January 14—Musical programme at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.

January 14—Fancy dress carnival ball in aid of M.C.L. funds organised by Dockyard Ladies' Club, 9 p.m. at Hotel Savoy.

January 15—University Women's Hostel holds an "At Home" at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 4 p.m.

January 20—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play by Belfios Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 3 p.m.

January 27—Theatre Royal; "Red Riding Hood," 9.15 p.m.

January 22—Entries for the forthcoming races close at 3 p.m.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

Meetings.

January 14—Annual meeting of the Gymnethas Dewi Sant, (St. David's Society) at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, 5.30 p.m.

January 14—Chinese Y.M.C.A. annual meeting.

January 20—Extraordinary general meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 2.30 p.m.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 14—Lady Clementi opens St. Paul's Girls' College bazaar in first floor of China Bldg., 4 p.m.

January 17—Lecture by Mr. A. H. Crook, on "Are we going West?" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 17—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's first rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafora, at Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—H. K. Philharmonic Society's second rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafora, at Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

January 21—Hong Kong Automobile Association dinner dance, 8 p.m. to midnight.

When Det. Sgt. Carey raided a house in Des Voeux Road Central in search of a gaming party, he was confronted with a man holding a tin of opium. When the man appeared in Mr. Lindell's court at the Central Magistracy this morning a fine of \$75 was imposed on five weeks' hard labour.

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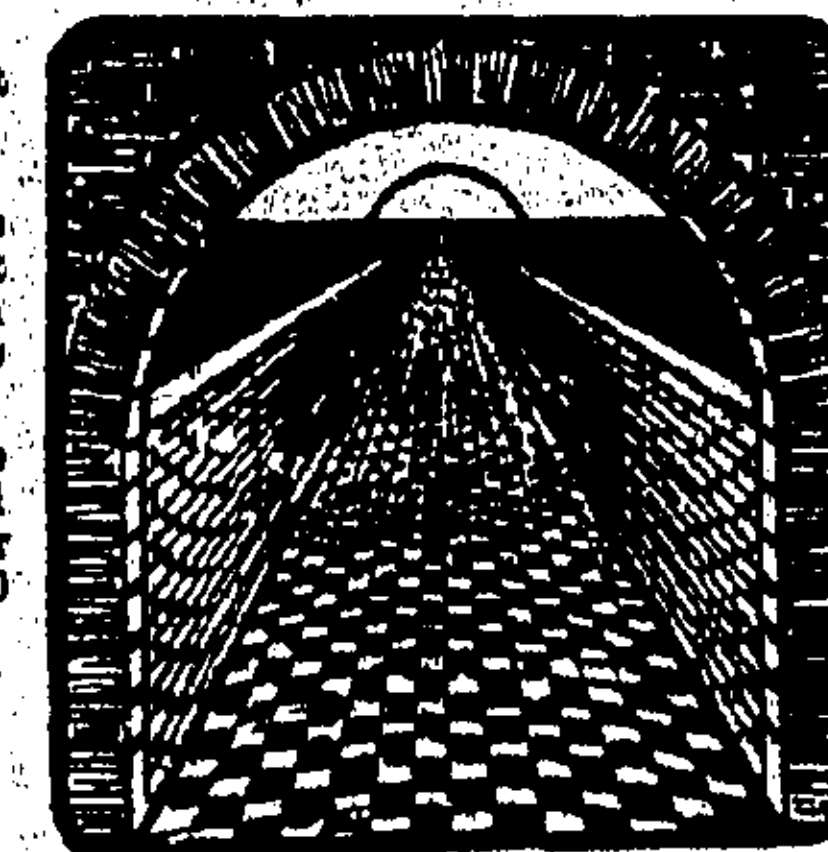
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A new case of diphtheria was reported on Thursday from Kowloon, the patient being a Chinese.

A Chinese play is to be given by Boileau Public (Girls) School at 8 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Queen's College Hall.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co. for the production by Mrs. Gay Cumming (with dances by Miss Daisy O'Keefe) of the pantomime "Red Riding Hood" at the Theatre Royal on Jan. 29 (8.15 p.m.) and Feb. 2 (6.15 p.m.).

Fines varying from \$40 to \$15 were imposed by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when a number of Chinese were charged with cutting pine tree saplings from the hill side at Kowloon City.

In England to-day there is one telephone to every 27 inhabitants. Twenty-six years ago there was one telephone to every 292 inhabitants, and in 1912 (when the Post Office took over the system) one to every 66. America had passed the British beginning-of-the-century figure ten years before, and in 1900 had already one telephone to every 57 inhabitants. This proportion had increased in 1910 to one to 12, and now stands at one to 7.



The Catholic Church's annulment of the marriage of Consuelo Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough has placed their two sons in an unusual position. Lord Ivor Churchill, the youngest, is shown above.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. annual meeting is to be held this evening. Mr. Yin Hsin Tso, the new general secretary, has arrived from Europe and America, where he has been making a special study of the Y.M.C.A. work.

The University Women's Hostel is holding an "At Home" at St. Stephen's Girls' College at 4 p.m. on Saturday with the object of making known the need for extension now that more lady students are attending at the University.

Lady Clement is opening the bazaar in the first floor of China Building at 4 p.m. to-day, in aid of St. Paul's Girls' College building fund. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. (chairman of the Building Fund committee), and the other sponsors hope to raise the \$70,000 to make up the \$270,000 needed. There will be 4,000 prizes including a Fiat motor car and a diamond bracelet.

A little Chinese girl, under 12 years of age, was charged in the Kuala Lumpur police court before the second magistrate, Raja Uda, with the murder of a Chinese boy of seven years of age. It was stated that on November 6, the girl was seen to push the boy into the Klang river, just behind the buildings of Paterson, Simons and Co., and the body, which was carried off, was only recovered on the afternoon of November 8. The magistrate committed the accused for trial at the Assizes.

The Prospectus for 1927 of the Central British School, Kowloon, contains a short history of the school's growth, a detailed syllabus of the curricula of each form including sports and games, full particulars of scholarships and prizes, fees and rules governing the admission of pupils, a scheme to show the order of movements of the relative predominance of effects and aims of a gymnastic syllabus, the full staff with qualifications and particulars of the Former Pupils' Association. Details are also given of the Kowloon British Junior School.

In the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., replied to the arguments of Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., regarding the arbitration, the award of which, as reported yesterday, Mr. Potter seeks to set aside. Mr. Alabaster submitted that a letter of March 4 was evidence of the award having been accepted and that it was now too late for it to be set aside. Dealing with the question of "legal misapprehension," Mr. Alabaster said that there was nothing to show that Mr. Colbourne Little, as arbitrator, had acted illegally. The Chief Justice reserved judgment.

A message from Madrid states that a desperado entered the State lottery office in the heart of the city, stabbed the manager with a dagger, and seized the cashbox. The manager drew a revolver, shot dead his assailant, and fell dying.

With regard to the proposed voluntary liquidation of the Holland Pacific Trading Co. following the death of the sole proprietor, Mr. J. H. van Gennep Luhrs, all those having claims against or owing money to the firm's estate should send particulars to the Macao office before Monday, Jan. 24.

A Penang Chinese woman has been sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for cruelty to a child six years of age. The Assistant Protector of Chinese prosecuted and stated that a certificate from the hospital showed it was a severe case of cruelty. There were wounds on the head and forehead, cane marks on the body and burns on the lower part of the abdomen caused by lighted cigarette ends. An appeal was notified.



Ricciotti Garibaldi, descendant of the famous Italian liberator, photographed while in the care of Paris police after it was alleged he had served the Italian Government as an agent provocateur in France.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Bishop Oldham, the founder of the Methodist Mission in Singapore, is paying a visit to Malaya.

Mr. Stephen Meredith Edwards, secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society, has died, aged 54 years.

Mr. C. J. Bede Cox, the Perak sportsman, will be leaving for home in May. He will be much missed in F.M.S. sport, having figured prominently in Perak lawn tennis and in State hockey and rugby football.

Capt. A. H. Chalmers, senior boarding and emigration officer, Marine Department, Singapore, has gone to Melbourne on eight months' leave of absence by the "City of Sparta." Capt. Chalmers has been in Government service for 21 years.

To see conditions at Canton, Mr. K. Hirota (the new Japanese Minister to Holland) landed in Hong Kong yesterday and was entertained by the local Consul-General, Mr. Hirota's mission also includes a visit to Formosa before going on to Europe from here.

A Bangkok correspondent wires news of the death of Mr. H. Appleby, manager of Katz Brothers in Bangkok, from peritonitis. Mr. Appleby was previously engaged with Katz Bros. in Singapore and Penang, and had been with the firm about eight years.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

The following weddings are announced.—Mr. Henry John Pearce, civil engineer, Hong Kong, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Leckie of Hankow.

Mr. William Alistair Donaldson of the "Hong Kong Daily Press," to Miss Marguerite de Diban Feber of London.

Mr. Vivian Petherick, chief officer, marine service, Hong Kong, to Miss Gladys Lillian Mary Hast, 5 Cox's Path, Kowloon.

Mr. Frank Burrington, schoolmaster, Public School for Chinese, Shanghai, to Miss Kathleen Agnes Bent who is on her way to the Far East in the s.s. "Patroclus."

Mr. Frederick William Ribeiro, merchant of Hanol Road, to Miss Adeline Maria Parias, 312 Nathan Road.

Mr. John Fraser, overseer, Hong Kong, to Miss Helen Clark Shepherd, teacher, of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Earl and Countess of Selbourne, who have been staying at Government House, Singapore, have left for Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. C. G. Copley has been appointed secretary of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., of which Mr. J. H. Taggart is now chairman (of directors) and not managing director as hitherto.

Social engagements for this evening include the musical programme at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, at 8.30 p.m., to mark the conclusion of Church Missionary Association week; the fancy dress carnival ball in aid of Ministering Children's League funds, organised by the Dockyard Ladies' Club at 9 p.m. at the Hotel Savoy; and the Kowloon Cricket Club dance at Lane Crawford's restaurant at 9 p.m.

It is understood that Captain Chung Thye Phin, J.P., has tendered his resignation from the State Council to the Hon. British Resident of Perak. The Captain is shortly leaving Malaya on a health trip to Hong Kong.

The death is announced of Mr. William L. Conlay, C.B.E., Deputy Agent at the Malay States Information Agency. The late Mr. Conlay, who was formerly F.M.S. Commissioner of Police, had been ill for some time.

A Reuter cable from Munich announces the death of Professor Friedrich Hirth the Sinologist, who spent 27 years in the Chinese Customs service, and subsequently occupied the chair of Chinese Language and Literature in Columbia University.



Luisa Ratti, niece of Pope Pius, and Marchese Peracchetti were photographed at their wedding in Rome. The Pope performed the ceremony.

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ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED:—

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POLISH

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DANCE

BY CIRCUS LADIES

GRECO ROMAN RINGS.

THRILLING ACTS BY GRIDNEF BROS.

AND MISS KLAWA.

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GRAND GALA PERFORMANCE.

BOOKING AT ANDERSON'S.

SPORTS SECTION

SOCCER NOTES.

TEN LEAGUE MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

Ten matches in the local soccer league are down for decision to-morrow, with times of kick-off and grounds as follow:—

Division I.
South China v. Police, 4 p.m., Soakumpoo "A" ground.
Hong Kong F.C. v. 2nd Batt. King's Own, Scottish Borders, 4 p.m., H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.
Kowloon F.C. v. Royal Artillery, 4 p.m., Kowloon ground.
Division II, Section A.
St. Joseph's College v. Chinese Athletic "A", 2.30 p.m., St. Joseph's ground.
Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. Chinese Athletic "B", 2.30 p.m., Kowloon ground.
University of Artillery Reserves, 2.30 p.m., South China ground.
Club de Recreo Reserves v. South China Reserves, 4 p.m., Soakumpoo "A" ground.
Division II, Section B.
St. Joseph's College Reserves v. Chinese Athletic "A", 4 p.m., St. Joseph's ground.
Mosslem Club v. South China, 4 p.m., Soakumpoo "B" ground.
South China v. Bank Portuguese v. South China "B", 4 p.m., Soakumpoo "B" ground.

Junior Championship.
From one point of view the games in section B will have most interest as the three leading teams will all be engaged.
They are all in running for the section's championship. St. Joseph's Reserves, the undefeated leaders, are down to oppose Chinese Athletic "A" a defeat for whom will put them out of the race and, correspondingly, enhance the prospects of the College. Mosslem Club, who are 2 points behind St. Joseph's, with a game in hand, have a not too easy fixture with the versatile Boy Scouts but they should win.

In the Senior Division.
More spectators, however will prefer to follow the fortunes of the seniors. To keep in the running the Club must defeat the Borderers but the infantrymen are constantly improving. A great struggle between the Club defence and the soldiers' forwards should be seen.

Royal Artillery and Kowloon (holders of the championship) are in the middle of the table and an even contest should be seen here. Kowloon will have their "stars" back while the Gunners will still be without Leach, their goal-getter. Accordingly, the Peninsula team should get two more points on their own ground. Even if South China beat the Police they will still be at the bottom of the first division table. Both are lowly-placed and have only recently tasted of the fruits of victory. A good game should be seen here with the Police defence battling against the Chinese forward line that has shone rather as individualists and not as a combination.

Close Struggles?
In division II, "A" Kowloon Reserves should beat Athletic "B" and Recreo Reserves ought to get full points out of South China Reserves.

Close struggles will be seen between St. Joseph's and Athletic "A" and in the University v. R. A. Reserves match.
Some of the probable teams are given below. The tables include matches to date but it should be noted that H.M.S. "Tamar" have withdrawn from the top circle. It is not known whether their games will be deleted or full points given to opponents for the balance of their fixtures.

South China 1st XI.—Lau Hing-cheung; Cheung Wing-shing, Li Tin-sang; Tin Yuk-wai, Ko Sik-wai, Fung Mah-kit, Chu Kwong-yung, Fung King-cheung, Leung Wing-tak, Lai Ting-shoi, Ip Pak-wah.
South China Reserves.—Lam Tai-shing; Lau Sui-cheung, Lo Fung-cheung; Teu Sze-chuen, Chu Koon-sing (captain), Hui Ping-fai; Ko Sui-sang, Yau Ting-wa, So Shiu-lun, Wong Lok-kin, Lai Kong-hee.
Kowloon 1st XI.—Durand; Wheeler, Cavellie; Earl, King, Duncan; Hayes, Tierman, McKelvie, Orr, Muir. Reserve: T. M. Pile.
Kowloon Reserves.—Wood; Guest, Pasco; Miles, Brown, Hedley; C. S. Pile, Vickars, May, Coates, Eastman.

The following will represent the University 1st XI against the Civil Service C. C. in a (home) league cricket match to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp:—A. A. Rumjahn (captain), Dr. R. A. Posenby Fale, Dr. D. K. Samy, W. M. Gittins, B. P. Ng, S. Hachuma, C. W. Lam, E. Zimmerman, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins and another.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DEFEAT QUEENSLAND.

RICHARDSON SCORES 232.

Adelaide, Dec. 29.—The following are the close of play scores in the Sheffield Shield cricket match between South Australia and Queensland:—
South Australia 579 and 84 runs for no wicket. Queensland 251 and 379.

Queensland followed on. South Australia won by ten wickets.
For South Australia Richardson scored 232, which included four sixes and 22 fours. He batted for 222 minutes. Gun scored 63, Schneider 54, Alexander 88 and Williams 56.
In Queensland's first innings Thompson scored 91.
In Queensland's second innings Thompson scored 77, Rowell 74 and Gough 73. Grimmett took five wickets for 107 runs.

It should be noted that in the match in which Victoria scored 1,107 in one innings and beat New South Wales by 566 runs (as cabled by Reuters), the losers only had four old players as the following were absent:—J. M. Gregory, C. G. Macartney, C. Kellaway, W. A. Oldfield, H. L. Collins and S. Everett.

RIFLE MATCH.

ONE MAN GETS 102 OUT OF 105.

Able Seaman Hoare put up the exceptionally good score of 102 for H.M.S. "Iroquois" at the Stonecutters' range on Wednesday in a friendly rifle match but his side lost to the Small Arms Club by 4 points.
There was only one other "possible" by Petty Officer Fleet at the 600 yards range where, curiously, Hoare only secured 32.

Small Arms Club.
200 500 600 Total.
P.O. Wells 34 30 32 96
P.O. Fleet 28 34 35 97
P.O. Bristol 33 32 27 92
Sgt. Riddler 23 31 27 81
Mne. Adams 28 29 22 79
Tel. Carpenter 29 19 23 71
C.P.O. Mesley 22 20 24 66
Mne. Row 26 19 21 66
Totals 221 214 211 646

* Apperture Sights.
Counted out:—Cpl. Jenkins 64; Mne. Reeves 62.

H.M.S. "Iroquois."
200 500 600 Total.
A.B. Hoare 35 35 32 102
A.B. Barnes 26 34 24 84
Ldg. Sig. MacLachlan 23 30 27 80
Comdr. A. L. Jackson, R.N. 24 29 23 76
Lt. A. Day, R.N. 25 28 23 76
Lt. Comdr. R. Southern, R.N. 22 28 24 74
S.P.O. Potten 19 24 27 70
Lt. H. L. Jenkins, R.N. 24 28 15 69
Totals 200 236 195 631

6% app. sight allowance 11
Grand Total 642

Counted out:—A. B. Metcalfe 65; A. B. Hawker 63.

H.K.F.C. MEMBERS.

Members of the Hong Kong Football Club who desire seats in the stand at the Club's ground, Happy Valley, for the Interport soccer match with Shanghai, can obtain name at \$2 each on application to Mr. H. M. McTavish (hon. secretary), at the China Sugar Refinery, up till Jan. 19.

Division I.
Club de Recreo 9 7 2 0 27 11 16
Hong Kong F.C. 9 6 1 2 13 8 13
Chinese Athletic "A" 11 4 6 2 19 19 13
Scottish Borderers 10 5 1 4 15 12 11
Royal Artillery 10 5 1 4 15 11 11
Kowloon F.C. 11 4 2 5 19 13 10
Police R.C. 9 2 2 6 7 17 6
H.M.S. "Tamar" 9 1 3 5 13 19 5
South China A.A. 10 1 1 8 6 20 3

Division II, Section "A."
Borderers' Reserves 9 8 1 0 40 10 17
Chinese Athletic "A" 11 7 1 3 80 19 15
St. Joseph's College 10 5 1 4 25 13 11
Recreo Reserves 11 4 3 4 24 21 11
Kowloon Reserves 8 4 2 2 16 9 10
R.A. Reserves 8 5 0 3 15 10 10
H.K.F.C. Reserves 10 4 2 4 14 22 10
University 7 4 0 3 14 14 8
South China Reserves 9 1 0 8 6 30 2
Chinese Athletic "B" 11 0 0 11 7 26 0

Division II, Section "B."
St. Joseph's Reserves 11 9 2 0 42 13 20
Mosslem Club 10 9 0 1 23 5 12
Chinese Athletic "A" 12 7 3 2 17 13 17
South China Boy Scouts 11 5 1 5 18 24 10
Bank Portuguese 11 4 1 6 18 25 9
Chinese Athletic "B" 12 5 0 9 16 23 6
South China "B" 10 2 0 8 14 22 4
Kowloon F.C. "B" 11 1 1 9 12 31 8

THE OTHER TOUR.

M.C.C. TEAM REACHES SOUTH AMERICA.

AND WINS THE FIRST MATCH.

Montevideo, Dec. 25.
Mr. P. F. Warner and the M.C.C. team arrived here to-day and were warmly welcomed. The liner flew the M.C.C. flag on entering port.

The team opened a two-day match against Montevideo, who won the toss and sent in the tourists. The wicket was inclined to be tricky.

The M.C.C. scored 368 for 7 wickets, declared.
Jackson scored 81 and Warner 81. The latter hit three sixes and 19 fours. Capt. T. O. Jameson scored a hundred, which included a six and twelve fours.
The Montevideo team was out for 64 and 98.
J. C. White took seven wickets for 27 runs.
Jameson and Lord Dunglass in the second innings took five for 21 and four for 26 respectively.

SECOND MATCH DRAWN.

Captain Jameson Gets Another Century.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30.
The following are the concluding scores in the two-day match between the M.C.C. tourists and Northern Suburbs:—
M.C.C. 459, Northern Suburbs 189 and 174 for 6—match drawn.
In the M.C.C.'s first innings, M.F.S. Jewell scored 38, C. O. Allen 87, and Capt. T. O. Jameson 120 not out.
In Northern Suburbs' first innings Lyons scored 71, Allen took six wickets for 29.
In the second innings Cowes scored 87 not out.

HOME NOTES.

"AHEAD OF THE MAIL" IN BRIEF.

London, Jan. 1.
The international rugby match between France and Ireland at the Colombes Stadium, Paris, to-day, when the visitors won by 8 points to 3, will go down as the roughest on record.
The play throughout was of the fiercest description and was marked by one free fight.
There was a disgraceful scene at the end of the game and the referee had to see protection.

New Zealanders' Match.
On Tuesday the All Blacks visited Wakefield and defeated the home club by 29 points to 24.
To-day they met Hull and after a fine game were defeated by 20 points to 15.

The meeting of Pontypool and the Maoris produced a great struggle, the tourists being defeated by the narrow margin of 6 points to 5.

Soccer "Friendlies."
The Corinthians were at home to the Spurs, who won by two goals to nil.
Playing away, the Corinthians defeated Queen's Park by two goals to nil.

Inter-County Hockey.
At hockey to-day Cheeshire drew with Middlesex, with three goals each, and Lancashire beat Surrey by 4 goals to 3.

Sweetser Will Not Defend.
Jesse Sweetser (New York), who won the British Amateur Golf Championship last May, announces that he does not intend to defend his title this year, owing to ill-health.

Public Schools' Racquets.
In the final of the Public Schools racquets championship, Akers-Douglas (Eton) defeated Wagg (Eton) by three matches to one.

In their league (away) division I cricket match against the K.C.C. to-morrow, Chinese R.C. will be represented by:—Y. Sze-kwong, T. E. Yeh, J. L. Youngsaye, H. Ching, H. C. Hung, H. Hung, Yung Hing-lun, Un Hew-fan, C. Choa, Wei Wing-lok, C. E. Wong.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

MAORIS' TWO VICTORIES.

Latest results to hand of principal rugby matches at home are:—
December 25.
Aberavon 6, Ebbw Vale 8.
Edinburgh Academicals 3, London Scottish 9.
Edinburgh Institute 6, Glasgow High School 24.

Neath 21, London Welsh 8.
Heriotians 5, Gal 3.
Llanelli 22, London Irish 11.
Swansea 11, Watsonsians 12.

December 26.
Maoris 12, All-France 3—at Paris.

December 27.
Blackheath 43, Racing Club de France 6.
Bristol 14, Pontypool 8.
Gloucester 8, Old Merchant Taylors 21.

Leicester 19, Birkenhead Park 11.
Llanelli 16, London Welsh 8.
Mossley 4, Old Edwardsians 13.
Newport 15, Watsonsians 3.

December 28.
Northampton 16, Penarth 6.
Hartlepool Rovers 16, Royal High School 8.
Guy's Hospital 10, Coventry 7.

Cardiff 12, London Irish 8.
Swansea 6, Cross Keys 9.
Neath 15, Abertrilery 3.

December 28.
Bath 6, Gloucester 13.
Bristol 6, Old Merchant Taylors 18.
Leicester 13, Barbarians 8.

Swansea 17, London Welsh 14.
Northampton 26, Racing Club de France 0.
Cardiff 8, Maoris 5.

January 1.
Portsmouth Services 21, Public Schools 8.
Blackheath 22, Royal Navy 0.
Hartlepool 23, St. Bart's 5.

London Scottish 14, Leyrians 5.
Gloucester 11, Swansea 9.
Ulster 18, Liverpool 5.
Newport 23, Plymouth 9.

Bath 11, Richmond 15.
Old Merchant Taylors 9, Guy's Hospital 6.
Watsonsians 8, Stewarionsians 8.

Leicester 11, Manchester 8.
English Trial Match.
London, Jan. 1.
In the English international trial match, played in fine weather, England beat The Rest by 22 points to 11.

M.C.C. TOUR.

IMPORTANT FIXTURE WON IN CALCUTTA.

4 WICKETS' VICTORY.

Calcutta, Dec. 31.
The most important match of the M.C.C. tour started in Calcutta to-day between the tourists and All India. There were 10,000 spectators.

All India were dismissed for 146, including 43 by Meyer Brooke, 24 by Neidui and 22 by Hubert Ashton. Tate took six wickets for 41.

The M.C.C. had made 96 for three when stumps were drawn. Sandham was out for 6, Brown made 30, Astill not out 24 and R. E. S. Wyatt not out 21.

M.C.C. Out for 233.
Calcutta, Jan. 2.
The M.C.C. were all out for 233. Astill made 66, Tate 58, Wyatt 40, and Brown 30. Campbell took three wickets for 12 and Jamsett two for 31.

Going in again, All India had made 183 for four when stumps were drawn. J. L. Guise made 91 and Brooke 72. The first wicket partnership realised 162, which is a record against the tourists in India.

Calcutta, Jan. 4.
The second of the three unofficial Test matches between the M.C.C. and All-India ended in a win for the tourists by four wickets.

MID-WEEK CRICKET.

Kowloon Cricket Club, in their usual mid-week "friendly" match yesterday, drew with H.M.S. "Hermes".

Scores:—
"Hermes" 174 runs for 5 wks, declarer, Lt. Sparks 48.
K.C.C. 134 runs for 7 wks, A. R. F. Raven 82, F. Goodwin 29 (5 fours off successive balls).

RACE ENTRIES.

The date for closing of entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club has been postponed from Jan. 22 to Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m.

During a football match at Yoker, Glasgow, spectators invaded the field and the referee was kicked, but police with drawn batons prevented the crowd from entering the pavilion.

Arrangements have been made with the South African Lawn Tennis Union for the tour in South Africa early next year of a British women's team, consisting of Miss M. E. Dix, Miss Joan Fry, Miss B. H. Harvey, Mrs. C. G. Mellingham, Miss P. Saunders, and Mrs. M. Watson.

That the Northern Nomads are a very fine side was proved last season in the Amateur Cup competition and again on Saturday in mail week when they easily beat Dulwich Hamlet.

In the opinion of many judges the Nomads are the equals of the Corinthians at soccer and it is a pity the premier amateur team of the old country do not give them the chance of showing how good they are.

"DISAPPOINTING."

COMPETITION FOR BRITISH COMPOSERS.

SIR L. RONALD'S VIEWS.

London, Dec. 28.
That the best musical composers do not enter competitions is the opinion of Sir Landon Ronald, commenting on the disappointing results of the Musical Festival Competition organised by the British Broadcasting Company, which offered prizes totalling £1,000 to encourage lesser known British composers to submit works ranging from symphonies to song cycles.

Over 240 works were submitted to the Board of eminent judges, who unanimously decided that apart from occasional flashes of genius no work had reached first class concert standard.

Hence no awards will be made. Sir Landon Ronald, who was one of the judges, expressed the opinion that it was impossible to get a man of reputation to participate in such competitions, but if definite commissions were given to recognised composers there would be no lack of the right material.

"FRENCH MOUTH."

At Tranton, New Jersey, an epidemic of "French mouth" or Vincent's disease has affected several thousand persons, and is rapidly spreading to a point where the dentists and physicians have difficulty in controlling it.

The malady is traceable to the world-war and is transmitted from person to person. It has also appeared in near-by towns, particularly at Skillman, a village which is populated by epileptics and is a State institution.

The disease has become so prevalent there that the State has called in an extra staff of physicians in an effort to stamp it out. Doctors declare that the disease was rare in the United States, and that it was brought back by the American forces from France.

The State Health Department is launching a preventive campaign, and is asking people to stop kissing.

BEAUTY PRIZES.

SYDNEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' PROTEST.

Sydney, Dec. 14.
Strong criticism of beauty competitions was voiced at a recent committee meeting of the Council of Churches. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Carruthers the following motion was carried:—"That the Council of Churches expresses its strong disapproval of the competitions recently carried on, and some of which are still being continued, in which womanly modesty is being exploited for mercenary purposes. We regard such competitions as calculated to lower the sense of public respect for the womanhood of the State as well as to impair the sense of modesty, which should ever be the charm and protection of womanhood itself. We appeal to the newspapers and the business houses of the city to discourage by every means in their power any further competitions of this character."

DANCE CLUB RAIDED.

London, Dec. 12.
The Kitkat Club, one of the best-known West End dance clubs, was raided on Saturday at midnight, when a fashionable attendance was witnessing the cabaret performance.

Many people well-known in the political and theatrical worlds dashed to the exits in preference to giving their names, but most of the members complied with the requests of the police.

The officials are unable to explain the reason for the raid. The membership includes the Secretary of State for Home Affairs (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks) and other members of Cabinet. One of Sir William Joynson-Hicks's sons is a member of the committee.

STUDENTS' DUELS.

EX-HOHENZOLLERN PRINCES NOW PARTICIPATE.

London, Dec. 26.
Cologne.—One of the results of the revolution is the participation of the ex-Hohenzollern Princes in students' duels in which they were previously forbidden to take a hand.

This has enabled Prince Wilhelm, the son of the ex-Crown Prince, to establish his reputation as a duellist in "mensura" during his first term at Bonn University.

He has fought four such "mensura" and won all. He must fight nine before he can be invested with their corps bands or colours.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 14, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

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T.T. on London	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 7/8	79 7/8	79 7/8
Bank	111 5/8	112 1/2	112 1/2
Hongkong Bank	111 5/8	112 1/2	112 1/2
Chartered Bank	416 1/2	421	421
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	431	432	432
do.	413 3/8	413 3/8	413 3/8
P. & O. Bank	44 1/2	45	45
Bank of East Asia	84	80	76
Marine Insurance	650	650	640
Canton Insurance	145	140	140
China Underwriters	145	140	140
North China Insurance	284 1/2	280	290
Union Insurance	443 M. n	440	440
Yangtze Insurance	200	200	200
Fire Insurance	615	615	615
China Fire Insurance	30	30	30
H.K. Fire Insurance	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Shipping	110	110	110
Douglases	32	30	30
Hongkong Steamboats	42	40	40
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	02 1/2	05 1/2	09 1/2
Indo-China (Trif.)	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
do. (Def.)	15	15	15
Shell Transports	22	21 1/2	21
Star Ferries	36	35	36
Water-boats	36	35	36
Refineries	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
China Sugars	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Malabon Sugars	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Mining	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Benguets	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
do. (Single)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Shanghai Loan	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Raubs	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Ural, Caspians	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	113	112 1/2	112 1/2
H.K. & K. Wharves	45	40 1/2	43
Hongkows	170	170	170
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Landa, Hotels & Bldgs.	8	7 1/2	7 1/2
H.K. & S. Hotels	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Hongkong Lands	6	6	6
Hongkong Realty	3	3	3
H.K. Territorial	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Humphreys Estates	80	87	87
Prince's Building	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Rural Lands	10 1/2	9	9
Cotton Mills	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4
Ewo Cottons	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4
Oriental	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4
Shanghai Cottons (old)	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4
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THEATRE LIKE WHISKY.

Miss Lena Ashwell delivered an address on "Good Drama for the Multitude" before the members of the O.P. Club at their headquarters, the Hotel Cecil. The position of the theatre in this country, he said, was on the same basis as whisky and tobacco. It was time for people to make up their minds quite definitely whether the drama was of value, and if it was of value, how it could be maintained as a national recreation. There was an idea inherent among English-speaking people that music, art, the drama, and poetry, when they came to a real struggle for life, were perfectly useless things, and that was demonstrated at the outbreak of the war. Such was the distrust of music at that time that one of the first things the War Office did was to stop all the bands. There had to be a meet-

MARY PICKFORD.

HER POSITION AS A SCREEN
ACTRESS.

[By The Film Critic.]

Great curiosity centres around the immediate plans of Mr. Douglas Fairbanks and his wife, Miss Mary Pickford, who have recently returned to Hollywood, the film-producing centre, at Los Angeles, after an extended tour of the Continent.

The death of Mr. Rudolph Valentino has reduced the annual output of the United Artists' Corporation. Consequently, the Fairbanks have cancelled their projected tour to the Orient, and will begin production shortly on subjects as yet, unannounced.

It was stated in the American Press recently that Miss Mary Pickford intended, after appearing in four more films, to retire from the screen and interest herself solely in the business side of film production.

Replying to a cabined inquiry from "The Daily Mail," Miss Pickford neither confirmed nor contradicted

THE ROYALTIES TAX.

HOW U.S. GETS MONEY FROM
BRITISH AUTHORS.

The matter of taxing in Britain the very large amounts earned by American playwrights in that country is engaging the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill.

British playwrights who have their works produced in American theatres generally come under a "Non-resident alien" qualification where income tax is concerned, and it is customary for their agents to deduct income tax before forwarding royalties.

The tax is 5 per cent. on all amounts over 1,000 dollars, with a rebate of 25 per cent. of the income is "earned."

A British author who does not employ an agent and succeeds in getting his royalties sent here without deduction for income tax can depend upon being pounced upon by the authorities if he ever sets foot in the United States.

BACH & BEETHOVEN.

HIGH PRICES FOR
THEIR MSS.

£750 was paid for the manuscript of a Beethoven piano sonata in F major (opus 78) at a sale in Berlin of a collection of over 2,700 musical manuscripts formed by Herr Wilhelm Meyer, of Cologne.

The manuscript of an organ prelude and fugue by Bach was bought for £750 by a Florentine dealer, who, it is understood, was acting for an American collector. £142 was given for Chopin's two Polonaises in A major and B flat.

Letters of musical composers and performers to the number of 22,000 are being offered at the sale, and very high prices are being paid. As much as £140 was given for a letter of no particular interest written by Beethoven.

HOME STAGE NOTES.

London, Nov. 15.—Alfred Noyes has written a play called "Robin Hood," which is shortly to be produced by the Lena Ashwell Players at the Century Theatre.

A new Irish play by George Shields will be seen in London about the new year with Arthur Sinclair in the title role.

Among the plays to be produced by the Incorporated Stage Society during its coming London season will be "One More River" by Ashley Dukes and an English version of "Der Weibstübel" by Karl Schönherr.

The Three Hundred Club, which is now amalgamated with the Incorporated Stage Society, will give two plays by D. H. Lawrence, "The Widowing of Mrs. Holroyd" and "David."

The Fellowship of Players will give "Romeo and Juliet" on Dec. 12 and 13 in London with Jean Forbes-Robertson and Lawrence Anderson in the name parts. It is 41 years ago that Miss Forbes-Robertson's father and Mr. Anderson's aunt, Mary Anderson, played these same parts together.

THE SULLIVAN MEMORIAL.

For the first time a wreath, to the memory of Sir Arthur Sullivan was laid on his memorial in the Embankment Gardens on Monday. November 22, the twenty-sixth anniversary of the composer's death. Sir Ernest Wild, a vice-president of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, placed the wreath on the memorial on behalf of the society, and many people, well known in Gilbert and Sullivan circles, were present at the ceremony.

Mr. Seymour Hicks appeared in "Waiting for a Lady" at the Holborn Empire. The piece is a tabloid version of "Sleeping Partners," recently done at the Savoy Theatre.



Gloria Swanson, screen celebrity, showing her husband, the Marquis de la Palaise, how to make up for the movies, as he intends to embark upon a film career.

ting at the Mansion House, at which Mr. Rudyard Kipling spoke, to persuade the authorities to give the men a hand.

The cinema, she went on, had undermined our national outlook, and given a false impression of values in life. The whole idea was sensationalism of the most extreme kind, and our country had been absolutely smothered with American films. Was not there something to be said for the drama, with its real people and real language? Was not there something to be said for the human demonstration of action; and if there was something in the direct appeal to human beings in holding the mirror up to nature, was not there something to be said for conveying this great method of conveying knowledge to audiences? To protect themselves the people of England had achieved a number of communal entertainments: by operatic and dramatic societies in which amateurs appeared. Was it not also useful to keep alive the professional?

this report. Her "present plans are to continue making pictures," she said.

Miss Pickford possesses a genius for the actual business of film production, in which, both as regards her own and her husband's pictures, she has for many years taken an active part.

A proposal that a municipal orchestra for London should be established has been adjourned until a later date by the Parks Committee of the London County Council because of the heavy cost of the scheme, and the fact that the ordinary band performances in the parks are to be continued next year.

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The Gilbert and Sullivan season at the Princes Theatre, W.C., ended on December 18 with the first act of "Iolanthe" and the second act of "The Yeomen of the Guard," and early in the new year the company will open a Canadian tour at Montreal.

A record in the annals of art sales was established at the disposal of the Michelham Collection, when nearly £434,000 was bid for fifteen pictures. Lawrence's "Pinkie" was sold for 74,000 guineas, a sum which exceeded the price ever before paid for a picture at auction.

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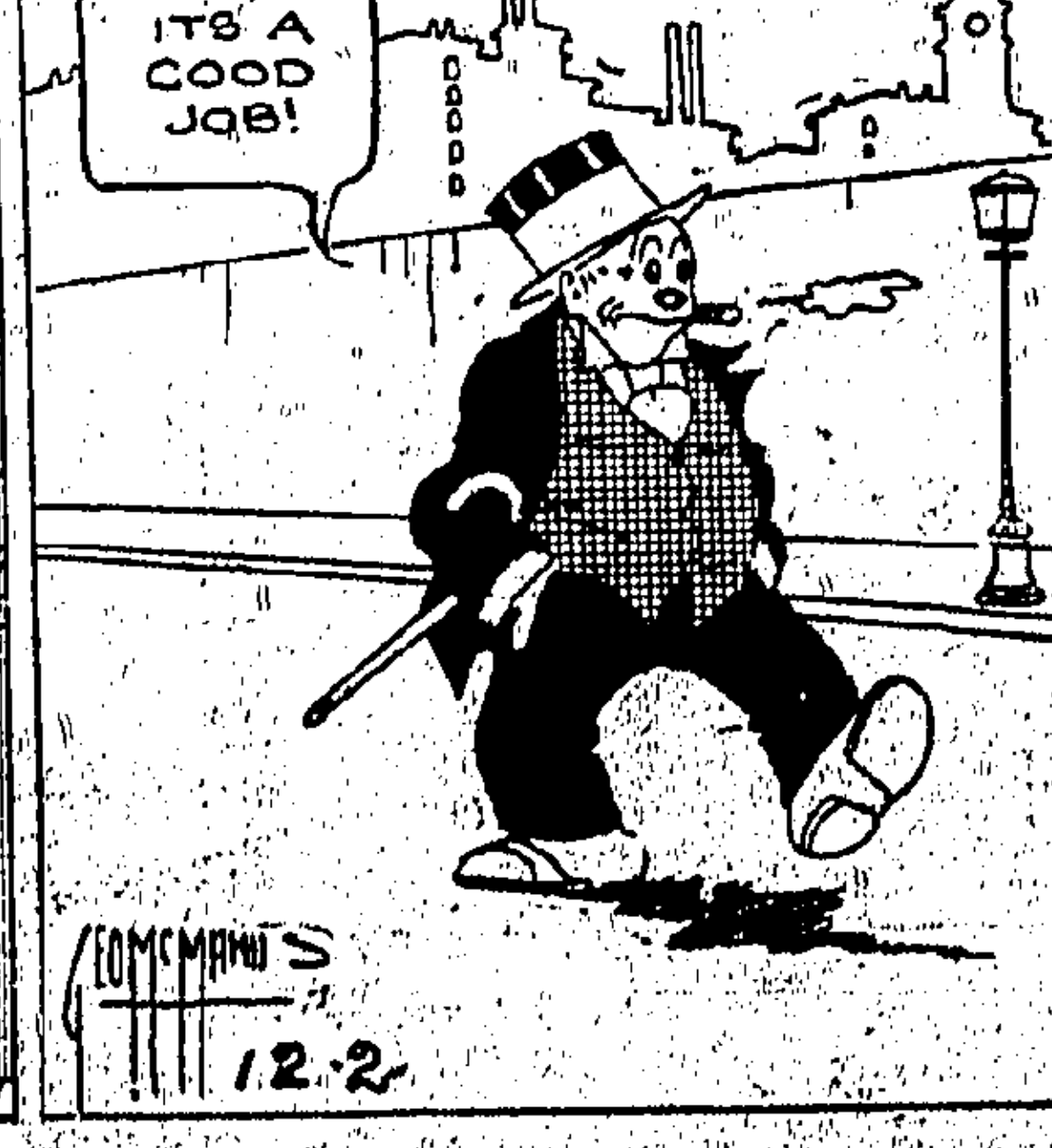
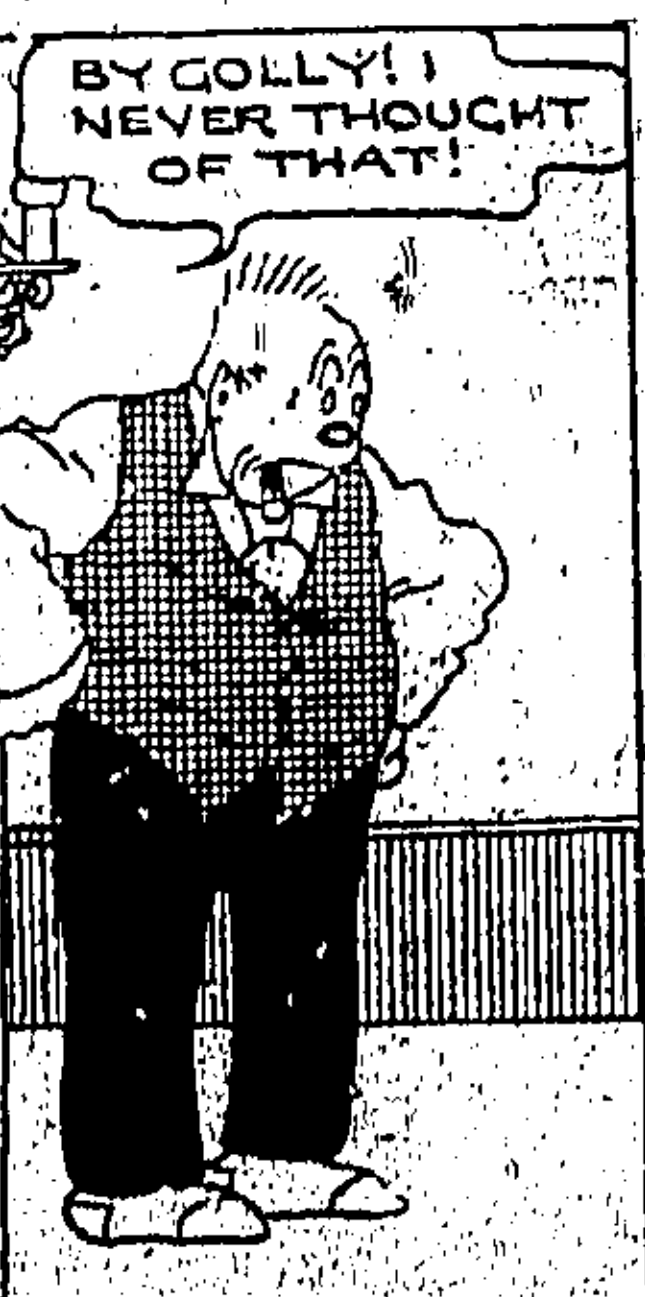
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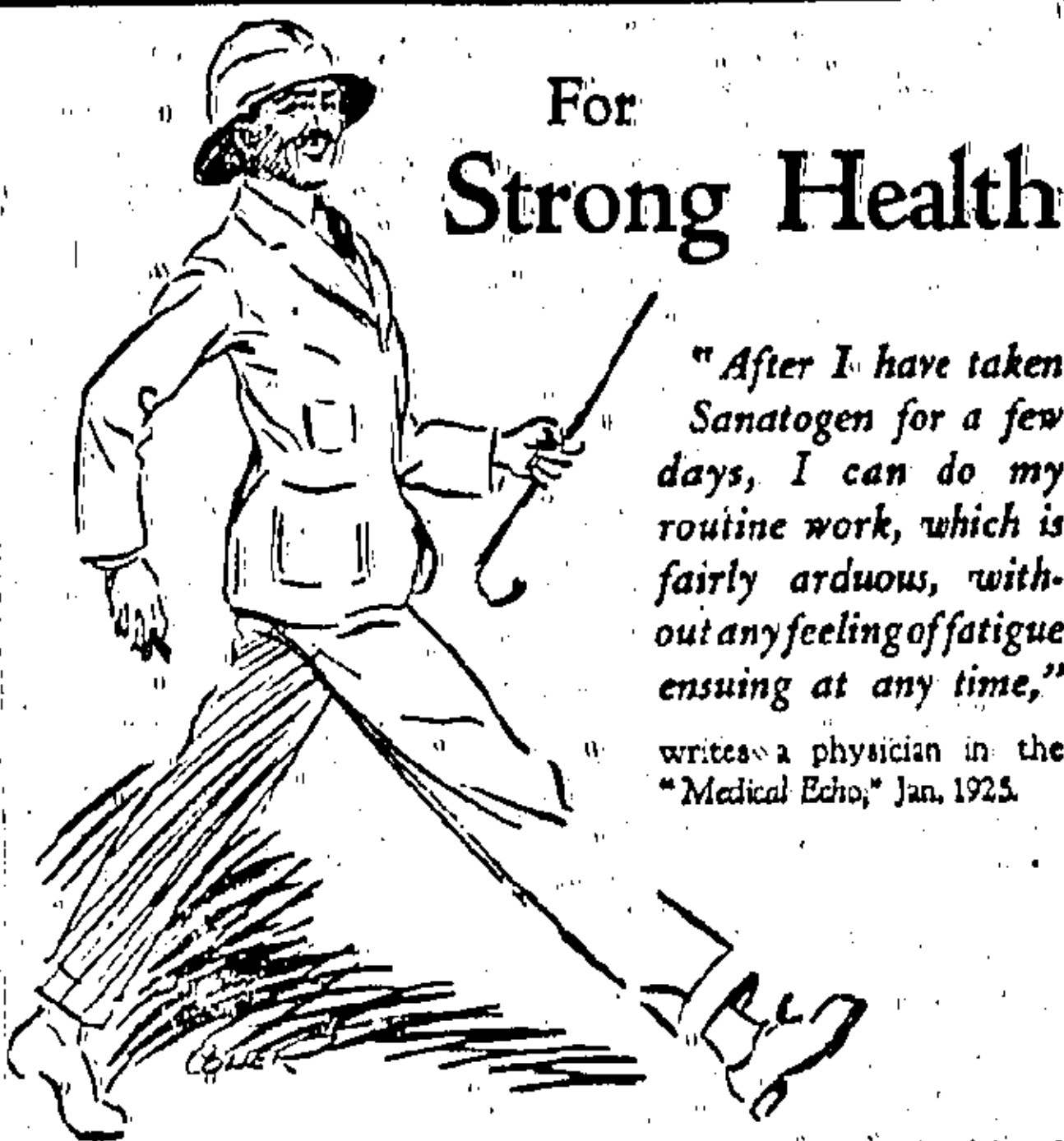
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

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A Rhodes scholar, Mr. Sholl, has been awarded a fellowship at Brasenose College and a combined tutorship for law and classics.

Twelve boys, recipients of British Empire Exhibition scholarships, are proceeding to New Zealand by the "Tonic." They will go to the Ruakura Training Farm.

Mrs. Sarah Barber, who was born in Norfolk 104 years ago, has died in her room, situated at the top of five flights of stone steps at Whidborne Buildings, Whidborne Street, Bloomsbury.

Small-pox, increased nearly threefold at Home in December, 353 cases being notified in one week, 288 in Durham county.

During the demonstration of a new automatic fire escape at St. George's Hospital, a girl member of the office staff was accidentally suspended for a few minutes in mid-air between the 5th and 6th floors of the building.

Lord Inchcape, speaking at the annual meeting of the P. and O. Company, expressed the opinion that missionary efforts in China were greatly to be deplored, and did far more harm than good. The sooner some of our well-meaning people gave up their crusade in India and China, the better it would be for us all.

Mr. Robert M. Montgomery, K.C., has been appointed Recorder of Chester, in place of Mr. E. Honoratus Lloyd, K.C., resigned.

Only one week was to be allowed for carol singing in Leighton Buzzard streets at Christmas, according to a magisterial decision.

At the London County Council meeting it was reported that the council hall was now fully occupied, and that arrangements were necessary to find accommodation outside for some of the council staff.

At an inquest at Kendal, Westmorland, on William Duckett, a verdict that death was due to heart failure following blood poisoning accidentally received from a scratch by a rose thorn was returned.

The French pilot of the Rabat-Dakar Air Line, M. Gourd, who was wounded and taken prisoner by a party of Moors near Cape Bojador, has been rescued by the Spanish authorities and taken to Cape Juby, where he is in hospital.

Leading-Seaman Woodford, H.M.S. "Excellent," while playing in a football match at Eastney on a Saturday, broke his right leg. His namesake, Officer's Steward Woodford, of the same team, broke his leg in a match the previous Saturday.

When Frederick Harvey, 52, labourer, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention at London Sessions for breaking into churches, it was stated that he had served 20 out of the last 25 years in prison for similar offences.

At St. Albans, Hertfordshire, several noted astronomers, including the Astronomer-Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, took part in the commemoration of the 600th anniversary of the election of Richard of Wallingford, the constructor of one of the earliest known clocks, as Abbot at St. Albans.

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The Government of Palestine has issued an official statement to the effect that the reports of alleged persistent Arab attempts to annoy Jewish worshippers at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem prove on investigation to refer to one or two incidents of the most trivial character.

The three chocolate firms of Cadbury, Rowntree and Fry have each presented the Royal National Life-boat Institution with 30 tins of chocolate for use in its life-boats. For a number of years these firms have kept the Institution supplied with chocolate as their gift to the life-boat service.

A Weltevreden message states that the Governor-General has refused a petition for mercy made by Entjim, who was condemned to death for the murder, at Garroet, of Mrs. H. S. McFie, of Sydney.

Mr. Charles Betham, a Leeds solicitor, who as a result of his disagreement with Judge Woodcock threw off his gown and later walked out of Leeds County Court, later expressed his regret to the court and officials.

While Miss O'Callaghan, daughter of Major R. C. O'Callaghan, of Hangmore, Virginia Water, outer London, was motor-ing down Callow Hill, the car swerved and overturned. Miss O'Callaghan was pinned underneath it but was not seriously hurt and was able to reach the motor horn. She continued to sound it until help arrived, when she was released.

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Tourane	Rakuyo Maru	10 p.m.
Haiphong	Devawongse	10 a.m.
Amoy	Tonkin	2.30 p.m.
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HANKOW INQUIRY.

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Corps, together with his subordinates, commenced an advance on the 5th and are now at Fuyang.

Judging from the fact that some 300 wounded soldiers have been sent here, it is conceivable that severe fighting took place at Fuyang.

It is rumoured that a Regimental Commander belonging to General Chou Feng-chi's forces has been taken prisoner by General Sun's troops.

The two opposing troops here are still facing each other across the river and the sound of gunfire is heard occasionally.

Marshal Feng's Russian Base, Peking, Jan. 10.

The Fengtien forces continue to advance in the north-west, pressing on Ninghsia from Yuyuan with the object of cutting off Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's supplies from Russia.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu's forces in Western Honan have completely cleared the Mienchi district and are now attempting an enveloping movement against the Kuomintang at Shenchow.

Lunghai trains have resumed between Chengchow and Mienchi and are carrying up reinforcements to the "Allies."

REFUGEE'S STORIES.

Baggage Coolies' Extortions.

All British men remaining in Hankow are interned inside the A.P.C. Compound, with supplies enough for 12 weeks and fully armed, according to reports given by passengers who arrived on the Indo-China str. "Tungwo" which sailed from Hankow on Thursday morning and reached Shanghai shortly past 3 p.m. yesterday after considerable delay en route, says the "North China Daily News" of Jan. 11.

The "Tungwo" carried 80 passengers, of whom 23 were children. Besides the usual discomforts which were necessarily experienced on the voyage in which first class accommodation usually allotted to 12 passengers stretched to accommodate 80, there was anxiety on board regarding two sick ladies for whom ambulances were waiting at the Old Ningpo Wharf, where the steamer berthed.

Like the refugees from Hankow who arrived on Saturday and Sunday, yesterday's lot had boarded the steamer at short notice on Wednesday evening and were able to bring only hand luggage. Stories were told by these passengers about the difficulty of getting their baggage on board, picketing coolies being on the Hankow wharf and insisting upon carrying the foreigners' luggage at outrageous charges. One foreign lady said that she had paid \$20 for five small pieces and that a lady accompanying her had paid \$40 simply because she had it.

From French Concession Too. British living in the French Concession were told on Wednesday night that they would have to leave within an hour in order to catch the launch waiting to take them on board the "Tungwo" and these ladies arrived with almost no luggage. Questioned about the belongings left behind one of these refugees said, "Hankow is finished as far as we British are concerned and I don't expect to ever see anything that I left behind again."

The "Tungwo" had bad luck from the start, according to the first officer, as she struck a junk shortly after leaving Hankow, then had to anchor in pouring rain, causing a delay of several hours. Another stop was made in Nanking where a doctor was taken on board to attend a maternity case and Mrs. Ramsay suffering from a spinal affliction. Supplies of bread were also taken on at Nanking to relieve the passengers of the tedium of a biscuit diet.

Two members of the Hankow foreign police force were among the passengers.

Not only were the refugees subjected to inconveniences while they were evacuating the Concession, but the bandit gangs and bad characters of the river plied their trade well, as the destitute made their way to the refugee ships lying in the stream. An

MAYA COLONY.

PREHISTORIC AMERICAN CULTURE.

PROPOSED BRITISH SURVEY.

Rugby, Jan. 13. Sir F. Kenyon, Director of the British Museum, has issued an appeal for contributions to the fund for exploration of the remains of early Maya civilisation in British Honduras.

The appeal states that the site of Lubaantum, where operations were conducted last spring, shows signs of long occupation and relatively remote antiquity.

It is reasonable to suppose that an intensive survey of the colony from an archaeological viewpoint would result in a great contribution to our knowledge of the origin and development of prehistoric American culture.—British Wireless Service.

instance of this was told yesterday by Mr. H. Gray, an inspector in the police, who arrived on board the "Tungwo."

Mr. Gray was one of the four foreign officers in the police and after the Concession was taken over was held a captive in his own station for a day. He finally made a dash for liberty and succeeded in getting on to the "Tungwo."

Shortly before the ship set sail on Thursday night Mr. Gray, from the decks of the "Tungwo," noticed that a woman passenger had just boarded from a sampan. Her handbag had been left in the boat.

Wishing to be of assistance he took it upon himself to go to the sampan and get her grip and in so doing had to enter the Chinese quarters along the water edge. On arriving there he was accosted by about 40 ugly-looking Chinese boatmen who came along in two sampans.

Before the officer could get the handbag on board several of the number stepped up and demanded from him \$300 before he could get the valise. Having only \$90 on his person he was shortly relieved of it.

Fine Spirits Preserved. The gang then made off in their two sampans. The handbag was finally recovered from the sampan coolie who seemed to be of the more honest type. During the incident there was not a person in sight and the pirates rowed on into the darkness with their loot.

The officer was able to borrow \$10, the only money with which he arrived in Shanghai. On board the "Tungwo" were several other refugees, all women who were forced to evacuate the Concession with no money, all they had on arriving in Shanghai being what they could borrow in small sums.

In spite of this the spirits of the women were far from broken and there was a spirit amongst them which was truly extraordinary. What was one's seemingly belonged to all, each sharing his belongings with fellow passengers and doing all in his power to make the other person as comfortable as possible.

Rumours Denied. Rumours were current in Shanghai yesterday that the Hankow branches of Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Hall & Holtz, Ltd., had been looted by Chinese. There was some ground for such belief when one hears the reports of refugees being robbed or "gouged" by hooligans. Inquiries at the Shanghai offices of both companies disprove this rumour, as the firms in question received telegraphic advice yesterday morning that their premises were intact.

PEKING MARRIAGE.

Peking, Jan. 10. Mr. Ferdinand L. Mayer, Counselor of the American Legation at Peking, is marrying Miss Katherine Deer quietly in the Legation, this afternoon. The marriage is being expedited owing to the coming departure of the American Minister, Mr. MacMurray, when Mr. Mayer will become Charge d'Affaires, hence he will not be able to proceed to New York to marry there, as he had intended.

LONDON DEATHS.

FROZEN MEAT BUSINESS PIONEER.

GEOGRAPHICAL SECRETARY.

Rugby, Jan. 13. Sir Alfred Haslam, one of the best known men in the Midlands, has died suddenly in London.

He was founder of the well-known engineering firm at Derby bearing his name.

He introduced the patent refrigerating plant into the Colonies, and was the first to fit up such machinery and cold chambers aboard ships.

He was thus the pioneer of an important business that has developed in conveying frozen meat and other perishable foodstuffs from overseas to this country.

The death is also announced of Sir John Scott Keller, at the age of eighty-six.

He was for many years Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society.

To him has been largely due the great development of geography as a scientific study which it has been the aim of the Royal Geographical Society to promote.—British Wireless Service.

MOSCOW SNUBBED.

UNIONS AGAINST JOINING FORCES.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.

The General Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions by twelve votes to six has rejected the British proposal to convene an unconditional conference representing the Amsterdam and Moscow federations with the aim of the uniting the world trade union movement.—Reuter.

RADIO'S LATEST.

DESCRIBING A FOOTBALL MATCH.

Rugby, Jan. 13.

The British Broadcasting Company will introduce a new feature on Saturday when for the first time a running commentary by eye-witnesses of the Rugby football match between England and Wales will be broadcast from the field.—British Wireless Service.

THE NEXT STEP.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE EXTENDED.

Rugby, Jan. 13.

The Postmaster-General has announced that the trans-Atlantic telephone service will be extended to all places in the State of New York from Saturday next.—British Wireless Service.

The salute fired in the harbour this morning was in connection with the arrival of the Japanese gunboat "Uji" from Formosa. The "Uji" is on its way to Canton.

NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of entries has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m.

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